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Council job advert prompts complaint

A COUNCIL job advert describing Ormskirk as "pleasant" and Skelmersdale as "industrial" has prompted a local resident to raise the matter with West Lancs MP, Rose Cooper.

The constituent contacted Ms Cooper to complain that the advert, for a principal environmental health officer with West Lancs Council, was offensive.

And the MP has written to the council's joint managing directors to raise the resident's concerns.

The advert, published on November 1, included the following: 'An exciting opportunity has arisen in our Environmental Protection and Community Safety Team, which is one of the largest in Lancashire.

'Whilst based in the industrial town of Skelmersdale, you will be regularly meeting the challenges of the pleasant market town of Ormskirk (home to Edge Hill University) and our more rural areas.'

Ms Cooper said: "It is clear from the complaint I received that a resident is very angry at how the borough council has chosen to describe areas of West Lancashire and the inferences the advert makes for prospective job applicants.

"I will await the response from the borough council to see how they respond to this complaint. After all, these council officer positions are funded from council tax paid by residents across the whole of the borough."

A borough council spokesman commented: "The advert for a principal environmental health officer was intended to draw candidates' attention to the variety of the work involved in the role, which is to be carried out across the borough.

"This ranges from dealing with commercial activity in Skelmersdale to the busy night–time economy in Ormskirk town centre, and to operating in a rural area."

THIEVES TARGET MERE EXHIBITION

The image of the man police want to trace Code NA

CCTV image issued after £7,000 worth of binoculars are snatched

Report by **Henry James**

FOUR pairs of expensive binoculars, worth nearly £7,000 in total, have been stolen from a widlife exhibition at the Martin Mere wetland centre in Burscough.

The thefts took place last Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24 and police believe they are linked.

Officers have issued a CCTV image of a man they need to trace in connection with one of the thefts, which took place at around 2.30pm on Sunday, November 24 at the Viewpoint Optics display.

Someone, possibly acting with accomplice, removed a pair of Swarovski 10x32 EL binoculars, worth £1,620 while the salesman was distracted.

The man police want to speak to is described as being aged in his 50s with a grey beard and was wearing a grey circular hat, waterproof jacket and glasses.

Officers are also investigating three other shoplifting offences that occurred at the same event over the same weekend.

On Saturday, November 23 two other pairs of Swarovski binoculars, models 10x50 EL and 8.5x42 EL, valued at £2,010 and £1,850 respectively, were stolen from the Viewpoint Optics stall and one pair of Zeiss 8.42 FLT binoculars worth £1,329 were stolen from the LCE Group stall.

Police believe these offences are likely to be linked and are appealing for information.

PC Daniel Gardner said: "I would urge anybody that recognises this man from the CCTV image to contact Lancashire Police in 101 quoting crime reference CJ1304947.

"The CCTV is from a GoPro camera and is of excellent quality so I am confident someone will know who this man is.

"The stolen Swarovski 10x32 EL binoculars are a specialist item and one of the most expensive binoculars available to buy so the offender appears to have knowledge of the products on the stall."

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Edge Hill launches new 'green' fleet

Environmentally–friendly cars unveiled as part of university's travel plan

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW fleet of environmentally–friendly cars are travelling the length and breadth of the country as part of Edge Hill University's 'greener travel' plan.

The eight BMW 1 series 'Grab & Go' cars are for staff to use while on university business.

They are available to those who may occasionally need to use a vehicle for work purposes but who travel to the university using more sustainable methods, such as public transport, walking or cycling.

The university has said the cars have low CO2 emissions and even lower running costs than the previous cars.

Bill Hancox, director of facilities management at Edge Hill, said: "When the contract came to an end for the last set of cars, we wanted a replacement fleet that had excellent green credentials.

"Cost is also a big consideration when purchasing goods and services, as we have an overriding responsibility to ensure we achieve value for money.

"These cars are incredibly reliable and they tick all those boxes and more.

"In fact, the new contract value is less than the previous one.

"The new fleet even has our logos and private number plates, which were provided at no extra cost. We are proud of our university, our students and our staff.

"Our colleagues will be traveling the length and breadth of the country in these vehicles representing the university and we want the excellent name of Edge Hill to be out there."

First established in 2005, the Grab & Go scheme is a part of the University Travel Plan and is an element of the sustainable travel strategy.

Bill added: "The scheme continues to be an overwhelming success and we have increased the fleet from six to eight to accommodate demand.

"Evidence suggests that more people are choosing sustainable methods of transport and this initiative contributes significantly to our environmental performance as a university."

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Brownies celebrate sparkling milestone

MEMBERS of a local Brownie pack have celebrated a special milestone – it's 60 years since it was founded.

The 1st Dalton and Parbold Brownies marked their diamond jubilee anniversary with a special 'birthday' cake and a party for unit helpers, former leaders and supporters held at Newburgh Church of England School.

• RIGHT: Celebration time for the 1st Dalton and Parbold Brownies as they mark the 60th anniversary of their founding Code1064056

Countdown to the town's big switch–on

THE countdown has begun in earnest to Ormskirk Christmas lights switch–on.

The big event is on Friday (November 29) when there will be entertainment from 4.30pm including street performers, Base Dance, Ormskirk Ukulele Club, who will perform a medley of Christmas favourites, kids' rides, a children's entertainer, Disney favourites Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and Fireman Sam.

Former Coronation Street actor Bruce Jones – loveable rogue, Les Battersby in the soap – will perform Sing out for Christmas, a record he made with Black Lace's Dene Michael.

The carol service starts at 6pm, conducted by the Reverend Chris Jones, with music accompaniment by Friends in Unison and Skelmersdale Prize Brass Band before the switch–on at 6.30pm by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Iain Ashcroft and Bruce Jones.

After the switch–on, Santa's Showtime will continue the Christmas atmosphere with an entertaining show and finale.

The two–day Christmas market begins when stalls open at noon at the Chapel Gallery on Friday, November 29.

There will also be children's fancy dress competitions.

Ormskirk house prices 62% above county average

HOUSE prices in Ormskirk are on average £85,674 (or 62%) higher than their county average, according to research from Lloyds Bank.

The bank looked at the increasing cost of homes in market towns and said Ormskirk ranked seventh in the country in a list of market towns which have an average house price above the county average.

They said the town had an average house price of £223,837, which was compared to the average house price in the county of £138,163.

Two out of three market towns have an average house price that is above their county average.

Beaconsfield is the most expensive English market town with an average house price of £861,371 and also has the largest premium with houses trading at 181% (or £554,917) above the county average.

The average house price in market towns across England has risen by 50% from £153,776 in 2003 to £230,061 in 2013. This is equivalent to an average rise of £636 per month over the past decade.

Marc Page, mortgages director at Lloyds Bank, commented: "The popularity of living in market towns is clearly evident from the significant premium that many of them command over their neighbouring towns.

Report by
Henry James

"Indeed, recent government research concludes that cities and smaller towns should try and replicate the community spirit, thriving high streets and social networks often seen in market towns.

"Market towns offer an excellent quality of life, with high levels of health and low crime and unemployment; they also tend to have higher levels of retired people and young couples without children. Market towns are seen as desirable places to live – small enough for people to feel included but large enough to remain private."

Eight of the ten market towns recording the largest price increases are in northern England with five in the North East.

The biggest increase was in Saltburn on the North East coast where the average price rose by 94% from £68,899 to £133,889.

Saltburn is followed by Berwick upon Tweed in Northumberland (85%), Seahouses in Northumberland (84%) and Ferryhill (77%).

In southern England the largest house price growth was recorded in Cranbrook in Kent (66%) followed by Lewes in Sussex (65%).

Average house prices have risen in seven out of ten market towns since the bottom of the housing market in 2009.

Contrary to the decade as whole, it has been market towns in the south that have performed best in the past few years. Beaconsfield in Buckinghamshire recorded the largest price growth in the past four years (45%), followed by Didcot in Oxfordshire (27%) and Horsham in Sussex (25%).

The average price growth for all market towns in the survey was 8%.

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Prince's Trust team complete their community project

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire College's Prince's Trust team have recently completed their community project.

Students from Prince's Trust Skelmersdale have undertaken a range of duties throughout the week, including helping to build allotments and renovating areas in West Lancashire College's nursery, Little Learners.

The youngsters, aged between 16 and 25, are taking part in the Prince's Trust Team programme with West Lancashire College.

The programme aims to give them the skills and confidence to find a job through activities such as helping in local communities, fundraising and practical work.

The young people have undertaken tasks such as building a twigloo for the Little Learners' secret garden, gardening duties and providing walkways enabling people to access their allotments.

Prince's Trust team member, Rich Heron said: "It's been a good project to get involved in.

"We've all worked well as a team together and it's rewarding to give something back to the community."

Paula Higginson, Prince's Trust Team leader, commented: "The community project is important on the course as it establishes a good work ethic.

Skelmersdale Prince's Trust team 39 celebrate the completion of their latest project at West Lancashire College.
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"The learners have done a great job and have learned new skills from it."

And Lancashire County Councillor John Fillis, who joined the learners at their project handover afternoon, added: "The Prince's Trust course gives youngsters a great start in life. I think the youngsters have put in some hard graft and have all taken responsibility and worked as a team."

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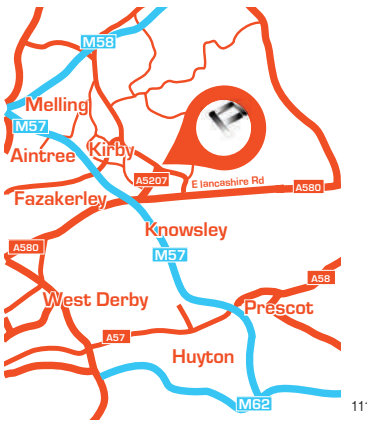

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New mobile system to help housing officers

Report by
Danielle Thompson

TENANTS and residents of West Lancashire Borough Council are to reap the benefits of a new way of working which aims to deal with issues they raise more quickly.

The council has worked with Aareon UK and 1st Touch Mobile to introduce a computerised mobile working system for its housing officers in the estate management team aimed at helping deliver a faster and more efficient service to tenants and residents.

The team was picked to be the first to use the system because of the variety of issues they deal with across the council's housing estates.

On any one day an officer can deal with many issues such as anti–social behaviour, neighbour and boundary disputes, graffiti or fly tipping. The new system aims to significantly reduce response times and increase efficiency.

Mobile working will enable officers to access a wealth of information, normally only available back at the office, while out on the estates and in customers' homes. This means they can answer queries from people living in the area, record issues and pass on information to other council staff immediately rather than having to wait until they return to their office.

Back, from left, Chris Hall from 1st Touch, tenant Bob Povey, Jennifer Brogan, WLBC service development project manager and Graeme Bunclark from the estate management team.Front, from left, Jan Sunderland, Carole Morris and Lorraine Ney from the estate management team and Councillor Val Hopley Code NA

Councillor Val Hopley, the council's portfolio holder for landlord services, said: "The council is constantly working to improve its services to tenants and residents and this new mobile working system will help us do that. Work can begin immediately on tackling issues raised by tenants rather than having to wait until staff return to their offices."

And Councillor Adrian Owens, portfolio holder for housing (finance), regeneration, and estates, added: "I am delighted the council has invested in this new system and I am sure tenants and residents will reap the benefits of it."

It is planned for other officers, such as those working in rents and property services, to use the system in the future.

Robert Dent, 1st Touch chief executive officer, said: "West Lancashire Borough Council has impressed us greatly with both their continuous improvement strategy and their innovative approach to tenant services. The council has an on–going commitment to ensuring that their tenants and resident receive outstanding levels of support, care and service.

"While though it is their housing officers that are using the latest mobile technology, it is ultimately the tenants that will reap the significant benefits available from its use and that is great news."

Young dancers invited to help to light up town!

These LYPA performers sang 'Popular' from their production of Wicked

DANCERS from a school based in Ormskirk were thrilled to be asked to perform at the Wigan Christmas Lights 'switch–on'.

The dancers from Lancashire Youth Performing Arts (LYPA), a dance and drama school for three to18–year–olds based at the Rose Theatre at Edge Hill University, performed at the event on Thursday, November 14.

Sharon Powell, the principal said: "We performed 'Gaston' from Beauty and the Beast and 'Popular' from Wicked before the switch–on at 7pm.

"Scott Chapman, the winner of Wigan's got Talent is our regular singing coach and he got us involved with the performance.

"It was an amazing experience in front off a very large audience.

"The children are from all over West Lancashire and we meet each Sunday at Edge Hill University to rehearse."

Scouts' festive postal service

A WEST Lancashire Scout group is offering a Christmas Post Service across Burscough.

The scheme is being run by the 29th Ormskirk (Burscough St John's) Scouts group.

Their special postage stamps, costing 30p each, will be sold from various shops throughout Burscough, including: Bronze Boutique, Infusion's Coffee shop, Halo cards, KC Computers, Neil Hayes opticians, Fishlocks pharamacy, Profile hairdressers, Mooney's dentists, The Co–op, and Graham's Grocers.

People can also buy the stamps from friends and family of the scouts.

People can post their Christmas cards in these shops in Special Scout boxes as well as in Tesco's.

The scouts will then deliver the cards all around Burscough on December 7, 14, and 21.

The cubs will be sorting the post.

Nicola Johnson, a parent of one of the scouts, said: "This is a new fundraising idea for us at the 29th and we hope it will be a great success.

"This scheme will also help the scouts work towards their community badge. It is also an exercise of the cubs working with the scouts."

Funds raised will be used to buy camping, canoeing and other outdoor equipment for use by the group.

Residents are being advised to use the special Scout boxes, not ordinary Royal Mail boxes. If people post their cards in a Royal Mail box the recipient will have to pay a £1 surcharge.

Students do their bit for Movember

EDGE Hill students union are supporting the 'Movember' charity fundraiser by holding events including a cake sale on Monday (November 25), a moustache theme social event today (Wednesday, November 27) and a 'shaving station' event on Friday (November 29), where students who have been growing moustaches can shave them off.

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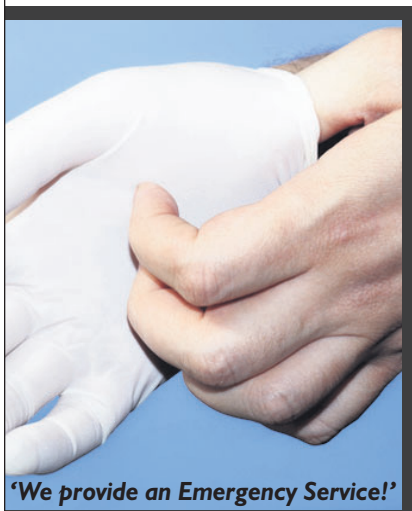

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Carols around the tree

PARBOLD Village Carols Around The Christmas Tree event is to take place on Wednesday, December 4 starting at 6.30pm.

The traditional celebration of Christmas carols around the Christmas tree is an annual event held outside the Parbold Village Hall.

Hesketh Bank Silver Band, local schools and uniformed groups will be taking part and traditional Christmas refreshments will be available

School to host festive event in aid of children's charity

One of the festive donkeys Code NA

Report by **Henry James**

LATHOM High School have announced that they are to host their very first Winter Wonderland Christmas event.

To be held on Thursday, December 5 between 4 and 7.30 pm, orgainsers say it promises to be a fun–packed family extravaganza with craft stalls, a magical grotto, festive food court and live Nativity among the attractions.

The school has chosen children's support centre Twinkle House as their nominated charity for the event and are hoping to be able to raise as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause.

A special Tree of Light, sponsored by award–winning local business,Fairbanks, will form the centre of the evening's celebrations, along with real–life donkeys adding an authentic touch to the innovative live Nativity attraction.

Lathom School headteacher, Tim Farr, commented: "We are all very excited about the event. Student and staff have been working very hard to develop the Winter Wonderland concept and we are looking forward to transforming the site into a festive hub for the whole community."

And there is still time to get involved.

If you are a local business or talented craftsperson looking to sell your wares, a limited number of stalls are still available and the school is also looking for any other support in terms of raffle prizes in aid of Twinkle House.

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Shoppers urged to support local stores in run–up to Christmas

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

SHOPPERS are being urged to support local businesses as the countdown to Christmas begins in earnest.

West Lancashire Borough Council is supporting Small Business Saturday on December 7, a national campaign to celebrate and encourage people to shop at independent local stores.

And shoppers who buy a pay–and–display ticket will receive an additional two hours of free parking at council–controlled pay–and–display car parks.

Councillor Adrian Owens said: "The council is delighted to support Small Business Saturday. The aim of the day is to celebrate, support and promote small businesses at a key time in the shopping calendar.

"We're fortunate to have some great independent local traders in our borough, so please show your support for these vital shops and services."

Residents are being urged to 'keep it local', for example by buying meat from a local butcher and vegetables from the greengrocer, going for a coffee with friends at a local café, treating the family to a meal out at a local pub or restaurant or buying Christmas cards and gifts from a local independent shop or market stall.

Love Ormskirk will also be giving out free tea and coffee, carrier bags and offers from their business members to use during December, while Brew and Bake, one of Ormskirk's newest editions to cafe culture, will be supplying free tasters of their delicious homemade treats at the Love Ormskirk market stall.

Motorists should note that the two extra free hours will not be shown on the pay and display parking ticket but all car park attendants are aware of the offer and will allow for the extra two hours after the indicated ticket expiry time.

Festive fundraiser

BURSCOUGH Methodist Church, Orrell Lane will be holding a Christmas Fair fundraiser on Saturday (November 30) from 11am to 2pm.

Organiser, Lesley Wilde said: "Father Christmas is taking time out of his busy schedule to attend and youngsters can come and visit him, have story time, decorate cakes, colour and have refreshments in his magical grotto.

"The church choir will be singing throughout the day, there will be a taekwondo presentation and there will be a fantastic range of Christmas stalls."

Time slots for Santa's Grotto are 11.15am, 12.15pm and 1.15pm.

Council freezes market rental charges

. . . but 'build–out' fees remain despite traders' plea

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

RENTAL charges for stallholders on Ormskirk Market are to be frozen for a further 12 months.

West Lancs Council's cabinet has decided not to implement a previously–agreed five per cent rise due to come into force from April next year.

This means the authority has not raised these charges since April 2012.

A call by by the market traders committee for 'build–out' fees – the charges for taking out additional stall space – was discussed but rejected on the grounds that this would not have helped every stall holder.

Market stall holders had complained to the council about reduced takings during the early part of this year, when trade was affected by poor weather.

Councillor Martin Forshaw, the council's portfolio holder for planning and development, who attended meetings with traders, said: "The council has listened to the traders' concerns and come up with a scheme that will help all of them.

"Rental charges for Ormskirk Market are competitive with other markets in the North West that have the same operating constraints.

"The market continues to be a very popular attraction for shoppers across the region and we believe our decision to freeze charges will help all traders financially in 2014."

As a result of the freeze, permanent traders will continue to be charged £25.30 per week for a stall while casual traders will pay £27.80.

The council says this will 'save' all traders a combined total of £12,500 next year, as opposed to the £9,900 reduction in costs which would have assisted only those traders who pay for additional space.

And the authority has pledged to look at the additional space charges to ensure they are fair and consistent across the market.

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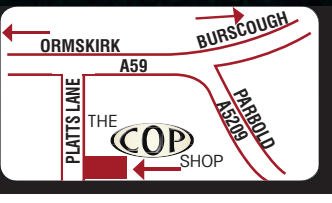

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West Lancs pledges its support for armed forces

The mayor, Councillor Iain Ashcroft signs the covenant watched by John Chapman from the North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, West Lancs Council managing director (transformation) Kim Webber, Lt. Col. Johnny Lighten, West Lancs Council leader Cllr. Ian Grant, Commander Richard Jermy, and West Lancs Council managing director (people and places) Gill Rowe **Code1063854**

Report by
Danielle Thompson

The West Lancashire Community Covenant, which encourages local communities to support veterans and people in the armed forces, has been officially signed.

Representatives of the armed forces and national military charities the Royal British Legion, SSAFA and the Veterans' Council, joined West Lancs Council members and senior staff for the official signing of the covenant.

The purpose of the covenant is to ensure people are not disadvantaged as a result of service in the armed forces and allows special treatment where justified, such as in the case of injured personnel.

Proud

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Iain Ashcroft, said: "The people of West Lancashire and the borough council are proud of our links with the armed forces.

"The council awarded the Freedom of the Borough to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment at a formal ceremony in 2011 and the crowds at that event and recent Remembrance Sunday Service prove local people have the highest regard for our servicemen and servicewomen.

"This covenant shows the council's continuing support of current and former service personnel and their families living in the borough."

A working group is to be set up, which local organisations will be encouraged to join, to formulate an action plan which may include bids to the government's Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

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Festive fun at Chapel Gallery

EXTRA seasonal shopping and fun activities for all the family are on offer at the Chapel Gallery in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

On Saturday, December 7 the West Lancs Council–run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk will host a free workshop in which people can craft Yuletide greetings cards and on Saturday, December 14 there's a chance to make twinkly star decorations to put on top of your tree.

Christmas craftwork sessions with artist Jane Coyle will be held on Monday, December 16.

Meanwhile, visitors can shop, dine and enjoy a complimentary glass of bubbly when the gallery is open late on Thursday, December 12 when Francesca Georgeson will be singing Christmas favourites.

Pre–school children are invited to take part in creating a variety of superb sounds at A Wonderland Orchestra event on Wednesday, December 18. Hour–long sessions take place throughout the day but places must be booked in advance.

A Magical Story Telling Event for children of all ages will take place on Friday, December 20 with drop in sessions between 10am and midday and 1 and 3pm.

The gallery will be open for extra shopping days every Monday until December 16, providing a fantastic opportunity to find unique gift ideas during the countdown to Christmas.

Meanwhile, creative classes for adults continue at the gallery this month as follows:

• Patchwork and quilting, Tuesday, Dec 3, 10am to noon

• Adult drawing, Friday, Dec 6, 7 to 9pm

• Creative textiles, Tuesday, Dec 17, 10am to noon

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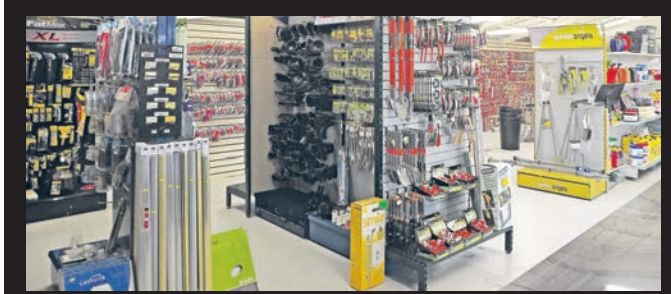
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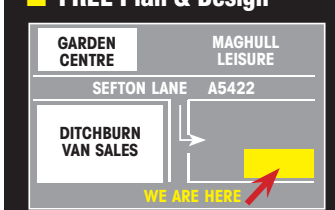

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Carys's hospital fundraiser is no half–baked idea!

Tasty treats are selling like hot cakes!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

NINE–year–old Carys MacGregor is aiming to raise £500 for a children's hospital by Christmas – with more than a little help from her friends!

The youngster, whose dad Andy is the owner of the Martland Mill business complex in Burscough, decided to raise money for Alder Hey hospital in Liverpool after learning about their £30m fundraising appeal to help provide life–saving medical equipment, arts and play activities and funding for vital research.

Carys, a pupil at St Anne's Catholic Primary School, Ormskirk, asked Andy for permission to bake and sell cakes on the complex in Mart Lane to raise funds for the hospital and when other tenants heard about her efforts they offered to join in.

To date, they have already raised £190 and are well on the way to that £500 target.

Sue Smith, from Martland Mill, said: "Last year we raised £500 for the Help the Heroes Fund by doing various raffles, sponsored walks, sponsored weight loss and a tombola.

"This year Carys asked her daddy if she could bake cakes and sell them and give the money to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

"We thought this was an amazing idea so here at Martland Mill we have started having Cake Friday where tenants – and Carys – have been baking delicious cakes, including chocolate cake with Belgium cream, chocolate fudge cake with salted caramel sauce, and chewy American choc–chip cookies.

"We have been in touch with Alder Hey and they are absolutely thrilled at what we are doing."

Carys MacGregor baking the first batch of cakes **Code NA**

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Council has done well to strike a balance between housing needs and greenbelt

I HAVE read several letters in the Champion recently from residents living close to the proposed local areas for housing development.

Understandably, they would prefer if these houses were built elsewhere.

I have looked into this and I think the council has done the best it could.

Skelmersdale will take the largest number of new houses and brownfield land is already being used in Ormskirk at the old grammar school site, hospital site and next to the council offices.

The council are only providing housing for the needs of local people over the next 15 years, not for all and sundry.

Our children and grandchildren need homes.

Without an appropriate new supply of housing future generations who are growing up here will be priced out of their own town.

The problem is that the greenbelt is tight around the towns and villages of our area.

Without a local plan every green field in our area is in danger of development.

By passing a local plan, the council has protected almost all of this land from development.

James Trafford, Scarisbrick Street,

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Clearing up confusion over student numbers

HOW many Edge Hill students are there really?

One sometimes sees the figure of 26,000 Edge Hill students mentioned in the Ormskirk & Skelmersdale Champion.

This figure is somewhat larger than the actual number of students and much larger than the number based on the campus.

Official figures are currently 9,426 full–time undergraduate students and a further 684 full–time postgraduates, making just over 10,000 regular campus attenders.

There are also 12,242 part–timers, the vast majority of whom are studying on 'professional development' programmes.

Typically these are teachers, nurses and classroom assistants updating their skills. Some may come to the campus for some classes but most of these programmes are studied online, in the workplace or at outreach centres.

Roy Bayfield, Director of Corporate Communications and Student Recruitment, Edge Hill University

PICTURE of the week

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Staff from Southport's Botanic Gardens have transformed The Fernery into a magical world of 'Ferns, Fairies and Fairy Lights'. The free event opens this Sunday, December 1st and runs daily until Christmas Eve. Picture by Martyn Snape

Good neighbour? Terry's the best!

I want to tell you about a neighbour of ours.

He is a pensioner –as, indeed, we all are – who lives in a block full of flats with a grassed area in the front.

A few years Terry Larkin decided to take over cutting the grass. He has also made a table and benches for the residents to use in the summer,.

All year it looks lovely. He claims to be no gardener but we think that he is great and deserves some recognition.

He also puts all our bins out at the front and brings them back too.

If any of us need a hand with anything, we know Terry is the man to call on.

We would be lost without him.

Talk about a good neighbour, he's the best.

E. Davies, Aughton

The hard–workers aren't the problem

As one of those that have problems with late–night noise, mainly from students, I would like to make absolutely clear that I have no problem whatsoever with hard–working people and those who give their time to voluntary organisations, student or otherwise.

It's the inability of the authorities in dealing with those that are causing problems, mainly very late at night and in the main they are students.

The only type of business being attracted to this small town are cheap food and booze outlets and bars owned by national companies who just take what they can putting nothing back.

Students pay nothing towards the policing, cleaning or any of the services in and around the town all of which is provided by those that do pay local tax, so giving a little back is no bad thing.

Peter Reeves, Ormskirk

Praise for hospital staff

I HAVE just spent a week on G ward at Ormskirk Hospital following an operation and I cannot praise the medical and theatre staff, day and night nurses, and all the therapy teams highly enough.

I was treated with kindness, care and professionalism throughout my stay.

Thank you everyone and thank you Champion for allowing me to express my thanks.

K. Isherwood, Smithy Lane, Aughton

No harm in walk to school

Well done to all those parents who park at Aughton Village Hall and walk their children to Town Green Primary School instead of selfishly clogging up Whalley Drive often preventing our local bus and tradesmen from getting through.

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Allowing more betting shops to open is not the way to revitalise our High Streets

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There are already far too many bookies in our cities, towns and villages and the introduction of fixed–odd machines has exacerbated the problems these premises create.

We are living in times of financial hardship and some people turn to gambling in a desperate bid to try to improve their lot.

They fail but meanwhile can become addicted to these machines which allow punters to spend £100 in just 20 seconds. And they are popular with drug dealers for laundering their ill–gotten gains.

Councillors, who plainly know the areas they serve better than ministers in far–away Westminster, should have the final say on applications for betting shops.

Yes, our High Streets need revitalising but allowing retail units to be switched for use as bookies without planning permission is not the way forward.

Reducing parking fees and business rates is.

Paul Nuttall, UKIP North West MEP

‘Bring your medication to hospital’

Pharmacists in plea to inpatients

Report by
Danielle Thompson

HEALTH chiefs are urging patients who are due to enter hospital as inpatients to remember to take their regular medication with them in order to ensure a “safer, smoother stay” – and cut waste.

At present, some 60,000 inpatients attend Southport and Ormskirk hospitals each year.

Steve Simpson, clinical pharmacy services manager for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: “We will provide all the medicines a patient needs for treatment during their hospital stay. However, it is important patients remember to bring with them their own medicines that they regularly take at home.”

This is important because it means staff will know patients are safe because they are taking the medicines prescribed by their GP.

Also, knowing this should make the discharge process smoother, while wasteful duplicate prescriptions of expensive medicines is avoided.

Steve added: “Leaving medicines at home can delay treatment because our doctors and pharmacists must establish what a patient is taking before any new medicines can be prescribed.

Steve Simpson with examples of medicines thrown away due to duplicate prescriptions
Code NA

“We always check the medicines patients bring into hospital, ensuring they are labelled correctly and are the ones the GP has prescribed.

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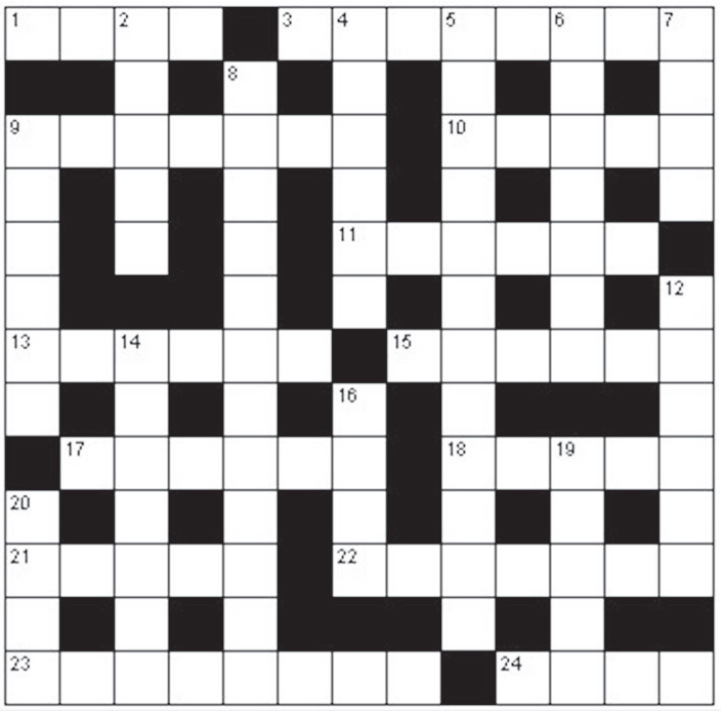

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15. An Israelite leader, hair is his source of strength (6)
17. A roofed structure for outdoor entertainment (6)
18. Radio communication word for the ninth letter of the alphabet (5)
21. Measurement of alcohol (5)
22. European country with monarchy, borders Germany (7)
23. Music sung outside as romantic gesture (8)
24. Hairdo sported by a young Michael Jackson (4)

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2. Wide vehicle passages leading from one place to another (5)
4. Able to be used in several ways (6)
5. Injections to prevent diseases, used in schools (12)
6. Type of short, tight underwear (1,6)
7. A strip of coral near the surface of water (4)
8. Representative to address the media (12)
9. Chinese criminal organisations (6)
12. One of the first things people do on holiday (6)
14. Slow river of ice (7)
16. Tailless amphibian related to the frog (4)
19. 80s and 90s TV comedy featuring Craig Charles, Red... (5)
20. The young of canines (4)

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Hannah gets to experience the Commons touch!

Borough's Member of the Youth Parliament takes part in Westminster debate

Report by **Henry James**

HANNAH Goulding, West Lancashire's Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP), has taken part in a major debate in the House of Commons.

Issues on the agenda at the event included a curriculum to prepare young people for life; bullying; and tackling youth unemployment.

Hannah was joined by fellow Lancashire MYPs, Adam Porter (Fylde), Hollie Foden (Burnley), Loren Coles (Chorley), Joe Henry (Rossendale), Maisy Whipp (Ribble Valley) and more than 300 elected members at the national debate at Westminster.

During the session, they decided the UK Youth Parliament's priority campaigns for 2014.

Hannah said: "I enjoyed listening to what other young people had to say on issues that matter to them.

"I also enjoyed sitting on the green benches, it was an amazing opportunity."

The five issues up for debate were:

- A curriculum to prepare us for life, which was chosen as the UK Youth Parliament's national campaign in 2013
- Zero tolerance towards bullying in schools
- Better work experience and careers advice
- Combating youth unemployment
- Votes for 16 and 17–year–olds in all public elections.

This debate marked the start of Parliament Week, an annual national awareness event, which aimed to build greater understanding and engagement with parliamentary democracy in the UK.

It is the fifth time that the UK Youth Parliament has debated in the House of Commons Chamber and they are the only group, other than MPs, allowed to do so.

Each debate topic was introduced with speeches from regionally–elected MYPs, who put forward arguments for and against the issue becoming their campaign, before opening up to the floor.

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Police step up fight against cash in transit robbers

Extra patrols in bid to counter festive threat

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE are stepping up measures to thwart cash in transit robberies in the run–up to the festive period.

Deliveries of cash to banks and businesses tend to be more frequent at this time of year as people spend more.

Criminals can seek to take advantage of this and the county has already seen a higher number of robberies this year than last – eight as opposed to four.

As a result Lancashire Constabulary is working with the British Security Industry Association (BSIA), SaferCash and other partner agencies to prevent cash and valuable deliveries being targeted by criminals.

Officers will be using both high–visibility and covert patrols on the ground and in some cases will escort security vehicles as they carry out their normal deliveries.

A number of other tactics will be used to prevent these robberies, including overt and covert CCTV monitoring; patrol cars following cash–handling vehicles; plus all cash containers will include either Smartwater or a dye, which will be released when they are opened.

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Ashton, of Lancashire Constabulary's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, said: "We have unfortunately seen a higher number of cash in transit robberies this year compared to previous years and we are determined to take action to prevent further robberies occurring.

"These types of robberies often involve armed gangs who are prepared to use excessive levels of violence. This is not a victimless crime with only the businesses suffering – armed robberies can have a truly devastating effect on innocent victims."

He added: "We will be stepping up the fight against criminals who carry out robberies in the run–up to the busy festive period. Our activity is aimed at targeting, deterring and disrupting criminals who carry out these robberies, thereby making Lancashire a hostile environment for them.

"We will also target travelling criminals as the majority of offences are committed by offenders from outside the county. The whole force is working together to stop dangerous criminals coming into the county. This includes response and neighbourhood officers, as well as specialist teams such as firearms officers and roads policing officers.

"We are totally committed to keeping members of the public safe and protecting workers from criminals who are often prepared to use violence."

Police are asking the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity – offenders usually park a second getaway car within a mile of the offence a day or two before in an alleyway or residential parking – by ringing 101 or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. In an emergency always call 999.

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Celebrations to mark county's special day

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TODAY is the day when Lancastrians can wear the red rose with pride and celebrate their unique history on Lancashire Day.

West Lancashire town crier, Don Evans will be reading out The Lancashire Day Proclamation at the market clock tower in Ormskirk at midday.

And businesses across West Lancashire celebrating the day include the Hop Vine on Liverpool Road, Burscough which is celebrating with Lancashire and Burscough brewed beers.

The Hop Inn Beer Shoppe, on Burscough Street, Ormskirk will offer Lancashire beers, a quiz and nibbles tonight (Wednesday November 27).

And The Ship, on Wheat Lane, Lathom will host a Lancashire–themed quiz night from 9pm tomorrow (Thursday, November 28).

Jeff Carter, 65, a member of Friends of Real Lancashire, a group which seeks to keep the 'true identity' of the county, told the Champion: "On this day in 1295, the first elected representatives from Lancashire were called to Westminster by King Edward I to attend what later became known as The Model Parliament and the beginning of democracy in Britain.

"Seven hundred years later, on November 27 1995, Peter Thurnman, the MP for Bolton NE, tabled an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons calling on all local authorities to signpost the boundaries of Lancashire and other historic counties.

"Because of its historic connections, this date has been adopted as Lancashire Day and was proclaimed throughout the county on November 27 1996 with excellent coverage on radio, television and most local newspapers throughout the county.

Town crier Don Evans in action in Ormskirk on a previous Lancashire Day
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"It reminds people that Lancashire still stretches from the River Mersey in the south to the River Duddon and Brathay together with the banks of Windermere in the north, taking in the great cities of Lancaster, Preston, Liverpool, Salford and Manchester.

"Many pubs, clubs, schools and organisations arrange numerous events to celebrate the day with many raising money for a nominated local charity.

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Lions roar in to boost toy appeal

Chance to brighten up a child's Christmas

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk and Maghull Lions have roared into action to help the Radio Merseyside Toy Appeal.

The Lions will collect toys donated by the public for disadvantaged children across Merseyside and take them to a central location, where they will be sorted by age groups and gender.

The Radio Merseyside Toy Appeal was launched on Friday, November 15 and Ormskirk stores, Boots on Moor Street and Poundstrecher on Park Road, have volunteered to act as drop–off points for any gift donations to the appeal.

Last year, the Radio Merseyside Toy Appeal resulted in a staggering 10,000–plus toys being donated for children who, otherwise, might not have received any Christmas presents.

Bill Jones, from the Ormskirk and Maghull Lions Club, said: "Normally members of the public can drop off toys at the Gregg's stores for collection, sorting and distribution by Lions members at their stores throughout the area, such as the Greggs stores in Maghull, Kirkby and Aintree.

"But unfortunately the Gregg's store in Ormskirk has closed so we are very grateful that the Boots and Poundstretcher stores in the town have come forward to act as collection points for toys donated by members of the public in the area.

"So, please, donate a new toy or cosmetics for boys and girls aged from up tp 16 years of age, for people less fortunate than yourself, and help make a child's Christmas that little bit happier.

"Ormskirk and Maghull Lions thank you and look forward to receiving your gifts."

The closing date for the collection is Monday, December 16.

Janet Carey (second left) manager of Boots Ormskirk branch with Dave Corfield, John Butterworth and Sylvia Corfield from Ormskirk and Maghull Lions Club at the launch of their Christmas Toy Appeal **Code1063893**

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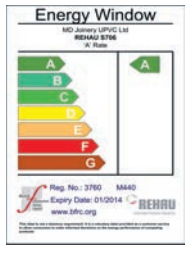

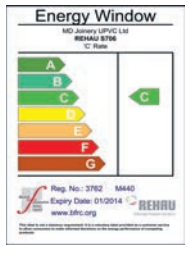

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Wharf winter wonderland!

Report by **Henry James**

HUNDREDS of visitors to Burscough Wharf enjoyed some of Lancashire's finest fresh produce during their Winter Food and Drink Festival.

More than 20 stallholders from throughout the county took part and the damp weather didn't put visitors off coming out to sample and purchase a selection of food and drink including local cheeses, meat straight from the farm, game, homemade pies, cakes, sweets, relishes and preserves.

Burscough Brewing Company, offered free samples of their home–brewed beers, while Colin and Carole Wareing, owners of the popular Wool Boat, welcomed people on board offering an insight into life on the waterways.

Wharf site manager, Ray Eckersley said: "The festival was a huge success and we're delighted with the turnout, despite the miserable weather. We've had some fantastic feedback from stallholders and visitors."

All focus is now on the Wharf's festive celebrations.

On Friday, November 29, for the first year since the Wharf opened in 2011, Burscough's village lights switch–on will coincide with the Wharf's, creating what's set to be a truly community–focused celebration.

Goldwing's North West will start the celebrations with a special Motorbike Light Parade. It will be led by one of the buses from Merseyside Transport Trust decked with Christmas lights carrying Santa and his helpers (weather permitting) and the Lancashire–based group will be raising funds for Queenscourt Hospice.

Catherine Newbold from Barefoot Books Code NA

The parade will start on Pippin Street at 6.45pm before proceeding down Liverpool Road North, turning right into School Lane and then Lord Street before arriving at the Wharf.

The lights will then be officially switched on by the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, accompanied by music performed by the Tarleton Brass Band and singing by Burscough Priory High School choir.

The Wharf will also host an evening of family entertainment including Santa's Grotto featuring some new animatronic characters courtesy of Bills Charitable Trust which provides support for individuals living with brain injury their families and carers.

Proceeds from the grotto will be donated to the trust.

Meanwhile, in the courtyard, festive market stalls will be selling seasonal produce and gifts along with a hog roast, BBQ, mulled wine and jagertee.

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Crowds flock to food and drink festival – now focus switches to Christmas countdown

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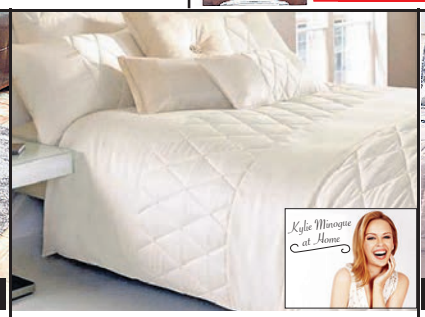

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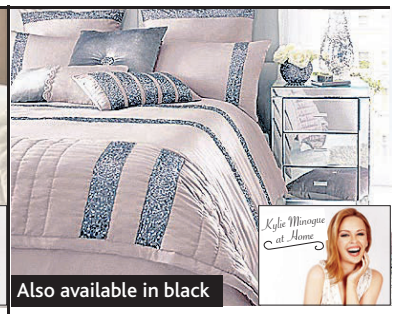

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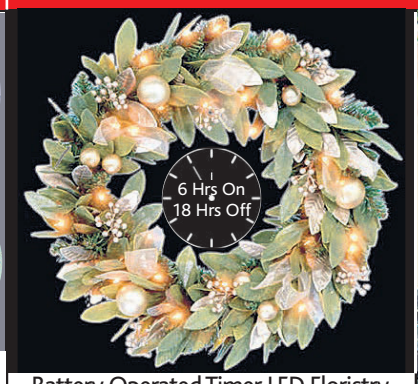

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Jayne's bidding to bloom in new shop

AN award–winning florist is hoping her latest venture is all set bloom.

Jayne Marsh, who has won the First Prize and the Rose Bowl Trophy for her wedding flower displays at the Southport Flower Show three years in a row, has opened Jayne Marsh Floral Design on Liverpool Road North, Burscough.

The 52–year–old, who has been a florist for more than 20 years, also teaches flower arranging at Ormskirk College.

She said: "I have taken all of the exams that you can take for floristry now, including ones at the Royal Flower Council in London.

"I have won the gold four times now at the Southport Flower Show, including three times in a row"

Jayne, who will be offering Christmas workshops so people can learn how to make their own decorations, previously had a shop at Burscough Wharf but moved to the new premises, which is three times bigger, to expand the business.

Jayne Marsh with her trophy in the new shop Code1063763

Hospital Trust's drop–in foot clinic for diabetics

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is launching a drop–in foot clinic for diabetic patients.

The pilot clinic will run on Monday mornings from 2 December 2013 for eight weeks.

It is being launched specifically for diabetic patients who have a break in the skin, redness, swelling, pain or possible infection in the foot that they feel cannot wait to be seen.

Tim Caslake, Podiatrist Team Leader, said: "We keep a close eye on our diabetic patients' feet because there is often a link between the health of their feet and their blood sugar levels.

"There can also be problems if cuts, redness, swelling, pain or infection in their feet are left for too long without treatment. By holding these drop–in sessions we hope to provide timely, efficient care and relief for the patient and possibly prevent a trip to the hospital."

The clincs are open to diabetic patients only and will be held on Monday mornings from December 2 to January 20 between 8.45am and 11am at Southport Centre for Health and Wellbeing in Hoghton Street.

There is no need to book, simply turn up between 8.45am and 11am on the day. If the pilot is successful it is hoped the clinic be rolled out to other locations.

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Charity appoints new director

A NORTH West charity which provides person–centred support for adults with learning disabilities and mental health needs has appointed a new director to lead activity in North Lancs, Fylde and Wyre and West Lancs.

Karen Fitzsimon (pictured) has been named as Community Service Director for the Alternative Futures Group (AFG).

Every year, AFG supports more than 900 people, providing around–the–clock support within the community, in people's own homes or in one of eight specialist hospitals.

Karen Fitzsimon has around 25 years' experience of working in social care including two decades at St Helens Council where she held numerous senior management positions.

New film aims to tackle binge drinking problem

A NEW film, entitled Binged, has been launched across Lancashire to help tackle the problem of binge drinking.

Binged shares the experiences of binge drinkers of all ages as well as the experiences of emergency services that have to deal with the impact of binge drinking.

It has been launched by Public Health Lancashire, run by Lancashire County Council, as part of their conversations about alcohol campaign. The film can be located on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bingedfilm.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is supporting the scheme.

The campaign message conversations about alcohol is being spread to help reduce the huge impact of alcohol misuse on individuals and communities across the county.

Dr Bapi Biswas, local GP and board member of West Lancashire CCG, said: "Many people across West Lancashire enjoy a drink or two, but what can start so innocently can easily spiral out of control.

"It's so easy to start off by relying on alcohol as a handy way of unwinding after a stressful week – or by having a few drinks with friends, but before long, drinking habits can become an issue."

Health bosses believe encouraging people to talk about alcohol consumption is imperative to tackling this national problem.

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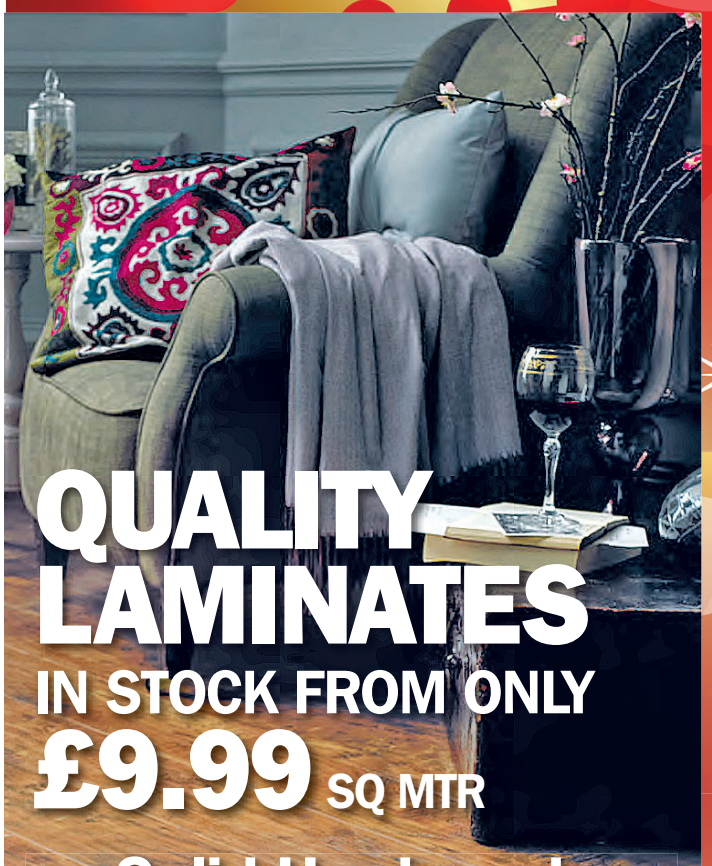

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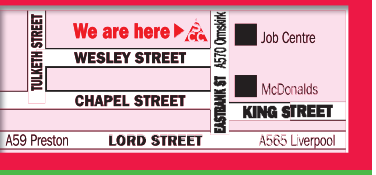

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Debra 'mans up' for Movember!

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF and students at West Lancashire College are sprouting a wide range of moustaches this November – all in aid of men's health.

During November each year, millions of moustaches are grown around the world for the charity appeal, Movember, which aims to raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health.

Movember challenges men to grow a moustache for the 30 days of November, thereby changing their appearance and the face of men's health.

West Lancashire College Movember team leader, Alex Lambie said: "There have been some fantastic moustaches on show around the college these past few weeks and we're encouraging everyone to get involved and donate if they can. It requires dedication but it also brings us together for such a worthwhile cause."

And it not just the men who are taking part in Movember. Student Debra Baker is getting involved by wearing a different false moustache for each day of the month.

Debra said: "I've wanted to get involved with Movember for years. I've done Race for Life and Stoptober and now it's time to do one for the guys. I think raising awareness is as good as raising money.

"It's definitely become a talking point. Everyone has been really encouraging, my kids find it funny and love the different moustache styles, they even help me pick one each day."

You can view Debra's daily moustaches and donate to Debra's page by logging onto http://uk.movember.com/mospace/8960561

Tributes to former councillor

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former councillor who has died following a long illness.

Mary Harris served as a council member for the Skelmersdale South ward from 1991 to 1994, and was Chairwoman's Lady to Anne Maguire for the municipal year 1995–96.

She served on a number of council committees and was also an executive committee member of the West Lancashire Dial–a–Ride Association charity for 10 years.

Mrs Harris passed away at Southport Hospital on November 18.

Former councillor Alan Bullen said: "Mary was a really lovely and worthwhile person and she was well–known by everyone on the council."

Her funeral will be held at on Friday (November 29) at St Richard's Church in Skelmersdale at 10.15am, followed by a service at Southport Crematorium.

Mary Harris Code NA

Pupils give school meals the thumbs–up

Glenburn Sports College pupils tuck in during National School Meals Week

Report by **Henry James**

SCHOOL dinners used to be the butt of many a joke – but not any more. And students at Glenburn Sports College in Skelmersdale celebrated all that's good about today's fare as part of National School Meals Week.

To mark the event, pupils, staff and members of the school community, including former staff and parents, were given a choice from Glenburn's themed Firecracker Menu.

Funded courtesy of the school's governing body from Glenburn's private fund, the aim of the initiative, held cross England and Wales, was to encourage more children to regularly have a school meal.

Norman Kendrick, a former assistant headteacher and head of humanities at Glenburn, was among those invited. He said: "It was great to have been invited, I've really missed school meals since I left Glenburn!"

The chosen menu, themed around Bonfire Night, is one that's popular with students at this time of year.

Christine Harris, catering manager at Glenburn, said: "It was great to see so many of our students sitting down together to enjoy a hot, nutritious meal prepared by our talented and hard–working catering team.

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Can Hull be a 'Paragon' of culture?

I MUST admit my heart lifted a little when I read that the city of Kingston Upon Hull is to be the UK City of Culture for 2017.

I really like the place, even though I've been there but once and even that was a fleeting visit.

Actually, I was making my way to the village of Nafferton (somewhere near Whitby) but the thing that impressed me about the place then – and does still – was its railway station, Hull Paragon. Any city with a railway station with a name like that really must have something going for it, surely?

I mean, Liverpool Lime Street, Birmingham New Street, Glasgow Central, all stations for previous Capitals of Culture, just plain station names all. But Paragon! It just MUST be a place of some importance.

And a very grand station it is too, even in its present, rather reduced state since its glory days.

I learned about another of Hull's claims to fame when I worked as a journalist for British Telecom. There is no other city in the UK that has its own telephone company with its unique white telephone boxes.

Mind you, like nearly every large town or city in the land, it lost its municipal bus service after one government or another brought in the national free–for–all. But it did have the accolade well into the second half of the last century of running trolleybuses, including some of the most modern ever to run in the land. The Greens would give their right branch to have that back now, eh?

Getting back to culture, Hull has its fair share of notable residents – William Wilberforce, the anti–slavery campaigner; the poet, Phillip Larkin (even if he did describe his adoptive home as a 'dump') and thespians, the wonderful Maureen Lipman and Sir Tom Courtney.

Mind you, Hull also played host to its former MP, Lord John Prescott,as well as Peter Mandelson – who for some benighted reason was appointed as its High Steward. But any City of Culture worth its salt does need a horror story or two, doesn't it?

So, as I said, I welcome the appointment of Hull as City of Culture and congratulate all those concerned on the work they must have put in on the bid.

But without meaning to sound a sour note, I do wonder just how a place the size of Hull can sustain its cultural base for a year.

It may well have a splendid town hall for all I know, and no doubt a clutch of buildings of significance. Certainly it is home to one end at least of the magnificent Humber bridge, the longest single–span suspension bridge in the world when it opened 32 years ago.

And I really don't know how to put this without unwittingly giving offence to the burgers of Hull. But I simply wouldn't have thought it large enough to have sufficient cultural history or present day amenities (theatres, monuments, even orchestras and pop bands) to be put on a par with the likes of Glasgow, Manchester or Liverpool.

Actually, I have just thought of one more claim to fame – though it isn't in the city itself. In nearby Beverley there is a medieval (I think) gateway called the Beverley Bar. And in the past, all the double–decker buses run by the then local bus company, East Yorkshire Motor Services, had specially shaped roofs (kind of like a gnome's hat) so they could squeeze under it.

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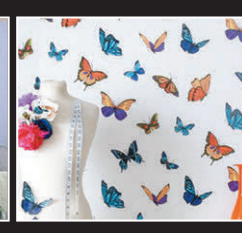
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Claire Lloyd, Base Dance principal said: "Congratulations goes out to all of the dancers for passing with flying colours.

"This was the highest set of exam results to date with the school achieving the highest mark the examiner can give along with comments of very high standards from the examiner.

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'Tell us about hate crime'

Police appeal for more victims and witnesses to come forward

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Police are urging more people to come forward and report instances of hate crime.

Attacks – physical and verbal – based on a person's gender identity or sexual orientation can have a devastating effect on both the victims and their families, as shown by the deaths of Anthony Stubbs and Lucy Meadows, who both committed suicide after being tormented about their sexual orientation and gender respectively.

The same is also true of hate crimes which target a person's disability, race or religious belief, and it hoped via increased reporting of all types of hate crime, future tragedies may be prevented by stopping the abuse at an early stage.

Lancashire Police will be working closely with schools in the county to ensure they are properly recording incidents involving all types of hate crime and can offer the right support to children who may become victims of hate crime.

PC Ian Ashton, of Lancashire Constabulary's Diversity Unit, said: "Hate crime of any kind is not acceptable and instances of it need to end.

"The only way for the police to stamp out this sort of behaviour is if we know about it and we need the public's help to achieve this by reporting hate crime, both when they are a victim of it or when they are a witness to it.

"What may seem to you as a bit of 'harmless banter' can be very hurtful to the victim and the occasional snide comment can very quickly escalate into something more serious of a criminal nature.

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"Furthermore, I would also encourage both victims and witnesses to report hate crime via the True Vision website. This is a website approved by both Lancashire Constabulary and the Home Office that contains good information about all forms of hate crime, and any incidents you report via the website will come directly to us."

Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Hate crime is a particularly cowardly form of crime and I am very pleased that the police and schools are working together in this way to help stamp it out.

"We want our children and young people to feel safe and confident in who they are, how they look and how they express themselves.

"This is why it's important to tackle hate crime head on, by teaching children and young people how to keep themselves safe both physically and online, making sure they know where to go for help, and training staff so they can spot the signs and offer the right kind of support."

Anyone with information or concerns about hate crime can contact police on 101 or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Calling all writers...

Chance for budding Northern wordsmiths to win £40,000 worth of prizes

NEW Writing North, the writing development agency for the North of England is seeking entries for its 2014 Northern Writers Awards.

The awards are open to wordsmiths from across the region, supporting writers of prose, poetry, creative non–fiction and children's fiction. This year also sees the launch of a new programme of awards for young writers.

Established in 2000 for both new and established writers, the awards have since supported more than 150 many of whom have gone on to achieve publication of their work in the UK and internationally.

Winning writers receive cash awards, plus mentoring, editorial feedback and help with professional development within the writing industry.

Past winners include novelist and poet Carolyn Jess–Cooke; Niel Bushnell who has gone on to publish the popular children's Timesmith series; and Benjamin Myers, whose critically acclaimed novel Pig Iron won the 2013 inaugural Gordon Burn Prize.

Benjamin Myers said: "Winning a Northern Writers' Award was a career high for me, an achievement that was on a par with being published for the first time."

Judges for the 2013 awards are poet and writer, Jean Sprackland; author and former Labour MP, Chris Mullin; and Observer journalist and author, Elizabeth Day, who will be judging the newly–introduced Cuckoo Young Writers Award offering a prize worth £500 to a promising young writer aged between 14 and 18.

The Matthew Hale Award is also aimed at young people, specifically those who have little opportunity to pursue their interest in writing. Open to 12 to 18–year–olds, the award consists of a bespoke package of support

2013 judge Sarah Hall with novelist and award–winner Benjamin Myers

created by New Writing North. For this award nominations are requested from parents, teachers or other adults.

Claire Malcolm, chief executive of New Writing North, said: "The awards have a tremendous track record of spotting talented new writers. The awards really can be a significant turning point for those who win them, leading to both financial reward but also, and more importantly, industry introductions and other opportunities."

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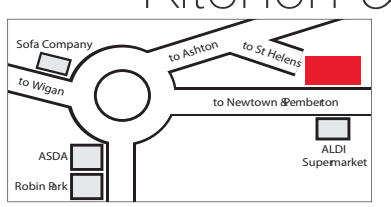

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The Head Chef David Clare, has now released the Christmas menus and bookings are being taken. There are still some places left for Christmas day lunch which is not to be missed at £39.95 per head - why not take the stress out of the day and join us!

Recently we held a charity race night in aid of Zoe's Place Children's Hospice,

it was a well attended evening and we raised over £500 which is being match funded by Barclay's bank.

Amongst other events coming up is the Christmas Lights switch on at Town Green shops on December 3rd at 3.30pm.

The Cockbeck will be inviting families for some festive fun including a creative Christmas corner where children can write their letters to Santa, design Christmas cards or make decorations. There will be entertainment provided by "jack" singing Christmas carols, there will also be roasted chestnuts and mulled wine with to get you in the festive spirit!

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Ian Rigby, engineering manager at PepsiCo's Pimbo estate site, was named Food and Drink Engineer of the Year at the prestigious Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Awards ceremony in London.

The award, sponsored by Nestlé UK & Ireland, recognises individuals who work in highly–skilled electronic, mechanical and chemical engineering roles in the industry.

PepsiCo credit Ian's diligence and hard work as having played an important role in driving increased production at the Skelmersdale site.

The facility now holds first class status for European maintenance methodology and Ian's team helped secure the Best Environmental Practice award for the site at the Lancashire Business Environment Awards in 2011.

FDF's director of economic and commercial services, Steve Barnes said: "The FDF awards truly are a badge of excellence and Ian is clearly a fantastic ambassador for both PepsiCo and the manufacturing sector more broadly. The food and drink industry needs enthusiastic engineers like Ian to realise our aspirations for growth.

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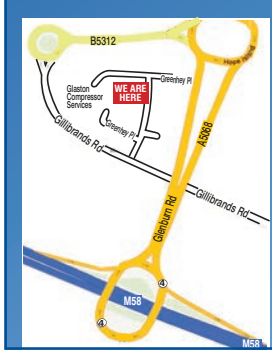

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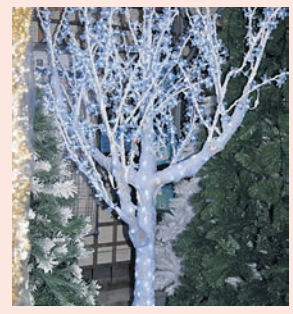
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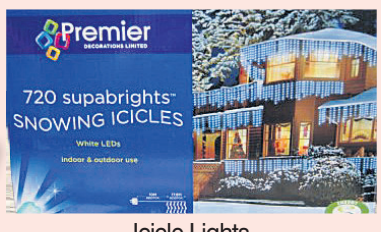

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Good turn–out for local band's EP launch

The band. Photograph by Omorfes Imagery Code NA

By Danielle Thompson

A LOCAL ska band were thrillled by a great turn–out at the launch of their first EP on Saturday (November 23) at the Engine Rooms in Skelmersdale.

Red Eyed Jedi are made up of Danny Leyland, 26, from Orrell, who plays the guitar/vox, James Horrocks, 19, from Skelmerdale on drums, Darren 'Dazz' White, 27, from Up Holland on bass, Steve Horrocks, 46, from Skelmersdale on saxophone/guitar/vox, Hayley Woodward, 22, from Orrell, on trumpet, Jimmy Moult, 24, from Upholland on trombone and Ellen Arnold, 20, from Rainford, on cornet.

The band have been together since 2011 and wrote the songs on their EP, REP, themselves which include Brass Hooks, Bouncer and Rainy Day.

Danny Leyland told the Champion: "The launch was really good. We sold quite a lot and we were really pleased to see new faces as well as old fans turn up at the Engine Rooms.

"Red Eyed Jedi was formed in 2011 from a group of ska addicts from across Lancashire and Merseyside. We're all about having a good time, performing a set of original material mixed in with some classic ska/punk tunes."

The band started life playing pubs and clubs around the North West with a mixture of both local and out of town bands. Now with a complete brass section, Red Eyed Jedi have gone from strength to strength.

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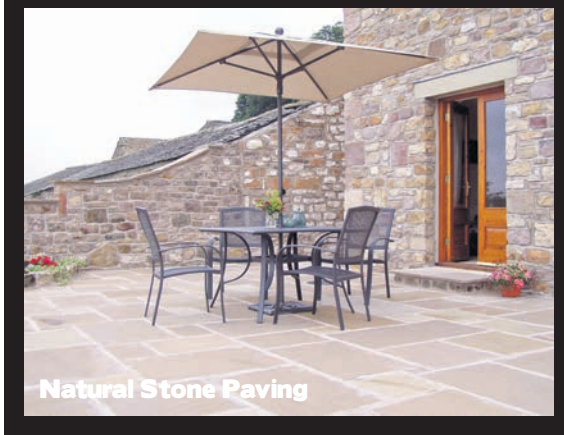
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As a fairly new member to BNI, Stephen has noticed a huge increase in his workload since becoming a member. Not only has BNI given him a lot more focus, it has also provided him with a lot of beneficial contacts helping him to grow and develop his business on a weekly basis. As a relatively new business owner, it was important for Stephen, on behalf of SGW, to gain the confidence and trust of the local community. Becoming a member of BNI helped him achieve this particular goal.

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Royal reward for yachting services

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A SOUTHPORT sailor has been presented with a prestigious award by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne for his outstanding contribution to yachting.

Bob Caton was presented with one of the Royal Yachting Association's most prestigious awards, an RYA Community Award for Outstanding Contribution which he received from HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA at the organisation's annual Volunteer Awards ceremony held in Londonl ast week.

Bob was nominated for his award by members of West Lancashire Yacht Club and was selected as a winner by the Awards panel for his 25 years in sailing, teaching both adults and juniors to sail as well as competing at international level.

A Liverpudlian by birth, Bob jokes it was sailing that persuaded him to 'emigrate' to Southport and get his visa to stay. That sense of honour helps him communicate with novice sailors and put them at their ease.

As a qualified RYA senior dinghy instructor and racing coach, when he joined West Lancashire Yacht Club, he immediately became involved with junior training, taking over as senior instructor teaching youngsters from the age of four to 16 in fleets of Optimists, Toppers and Mirrors.

As an OnBoard sailing instructor, Bob has also introduced many families to sailing who have then become members of the club.

This was instrumental in the club winning the RYA OnBoard Club of the Year for the North West Region in 2012.

Almost every weekend he can be found instructing, sorting out boat maintenance or coaching the juniors in regular club racing, as well as supporting teams at away events.

Bob's 'outstanding contribution' hailed

Bob Carlton receives his award from Princess Anne **Code NA**

Sarah Treseder, RYA Chief Executive said: "The RYA is delighted to make this award in recognition of Bob's enthusiasm, promotion of our sport and many years' contribution to the North West region's boating scene.

Bob and the other RYA Award winners enjoyed a celebratory lunch in the presence of HRH the Princess Royal, and were presented with a commemorative medallion and certificate.

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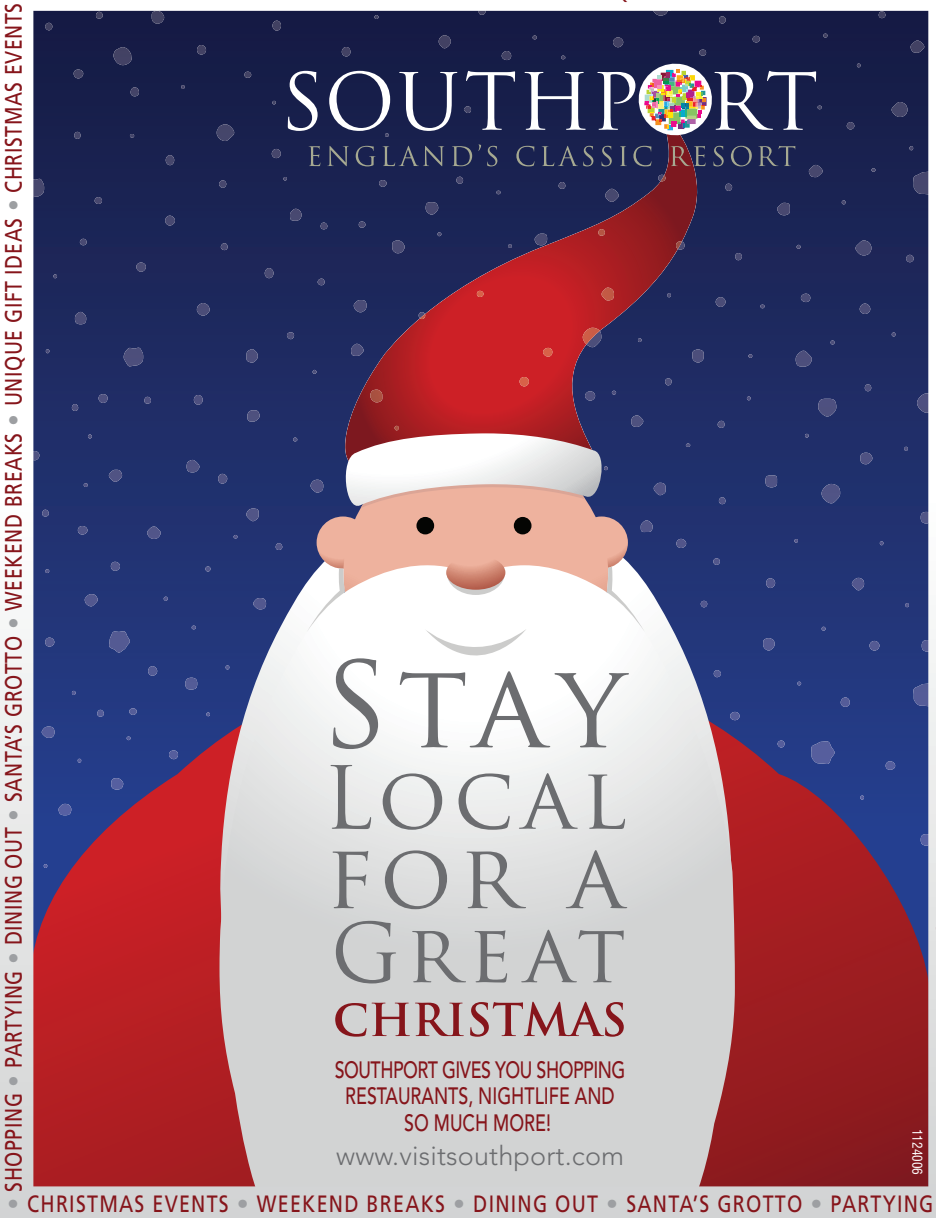

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Footballer who was 'let go' shares his story

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER promising young footballer who was 'let go' by Liverpool FC at the age of 18 but went on to forge a successful career as a coach has written a book about his experiences in the sport – and urged youngsters not to give up on their dreams if they don't 'make it big.'

Mike Yates was talent–spotted at the age of seven playing for his local team, Burscough Dynamo and spent 10 years in the youth set–up at Liverpool, alongside the likes of Steven Gerrard and Michael Owen.

But his own hopes of glory were shattered when the club's youth coach, Steve Heighway, sat him down in his family home to break the news that he wasn't going to make it big.

Instead, the Anfield club offered him a coaching job at their academy, which he took up.

Now he written all about it an autobiography entitled, 'Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen and ... Me.'

Mike, who lives in Burscough, told the Champion: "The book is an alternative to reading about footballers who have made it. I wanted young footballers to know how hard it is to succeed.

"Suddenly you are rejected, you are on the scrapheap and you have to find something else to do as a career. I was very lucky with my coaching offer, in that I managed to stay in the game.

"It's not only hard for the players, it's hard for the parents and families of the players as well.

Mike Yates Code NA

"I wanted to write the book to thank my mum and dad, to give something back to them after they made such sacrifices for me as a child."

After 10 years as a coach at the academy, Mike became the programme manager for International Football Academies at Liverpool and now writes football programmes for soccer schools and overseas academies.

The 34–year–old said: "I want to give something back and educate the next generation.

"A big part of it is to teach them football skills and also life skills, to help them do whatever they want to do in their life.

"Kids should have fun and enjoy the experience of being coached; it is more about the journey, and what you can take out of it.

"You have got to know where you want to get in an academy and every kid should have a dream but they need to understand and be prepared for the pitfalls.

"Key to success for us is making sure we have a great football programme and a great programme for educating players off the pitch which prepares them for if they do not make it.

"There are different ways of having to cope with rejection, but everyone can learn from experiences they have had of rejection.

"You can go off the rails, it is so hard to stay mentally strong, especially if it was your dream and there is such a lot of pressure on young players, but there is no reason why released players cannot have a happy and successful life away from football.

"I want anyone to be able to pick up the book and relate to what I am saying. But if I only reach one person then it would be worth it to have written it."

• Mike will be hosting a book signing at Waterstones in Ormskirk on Saturday (November 30) at 1pm.

Foodbank volunteers looking for donations

VOLUNTEERS from Ormskirk Foodbank are going to be at Tesco stores in Burscough and Ormskirk to help support people in crisis.

They will be at the locations from 9am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30 and they are looking for donations.

Bill Jones from the foodbank said: "Did you know that 95% of food we give to people in crisis is donated by the public?

"Your generosity makes a huge difference to the lives of so many in Burscough and Ormskirk and throughout West Lancashire.

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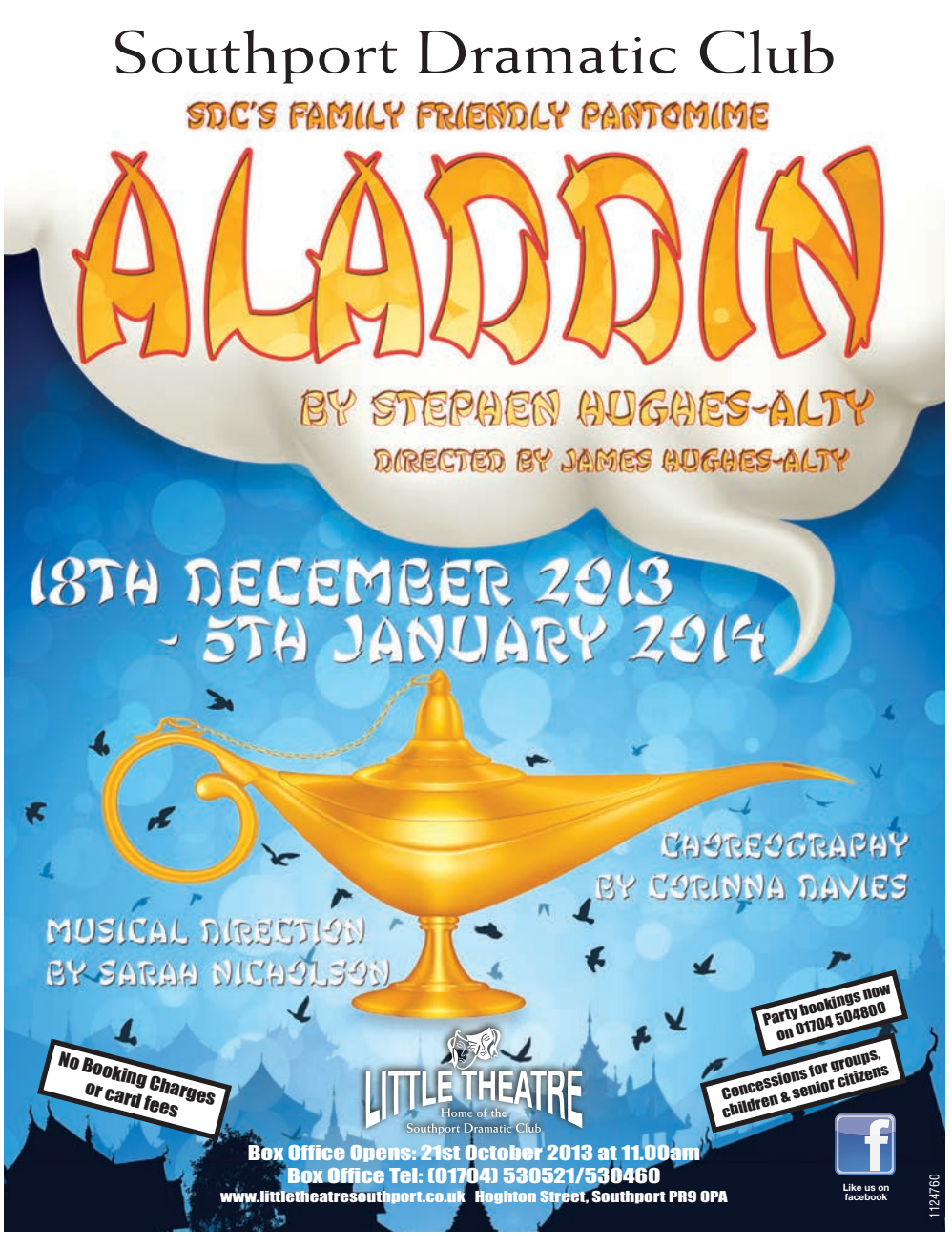
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Sarah secures lead role in pantomime

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE optical assistant has secured a lead role in a Christmas pantomime in the town to help raise cash for charity.

Aladdin will run at the Tanhouse Community Centre in Skelmersdale from December 7–8, and proceeds will go to the Skelmersdale Outreach Programme.

Sarah Casey, who works as an optical assistant at Specsavers in Skelmersdale, will take one of the lead roles as Princess So Shi, alongside Sarah Rowden, a staff trainer at McDonalds Skelmersdale, who will take on the role of Aladdin.

Sarah said: "Drama has always been a hobby of mine, and I've really enjoyed working on this play. I am delighted to be playing Princess So Shi in this production of Aladdin and the fact that I'll be raising cash for such an important local charity at the same time makes it even more rewarding."

Sarah has the support of her colleagues at Specsavers in Skelmersdale and many will be going to watch her in action and lend their support to the charity.

Lyndsey Smith, store director added: "Sarah is a valued member of staff and is often fundraising for local causes.

"She has been working hard preparing for the play at evenings and weekends. A lot of local people are talking about the play now and some of our customers are even planning to go along. We are all looking forward to seeing Sarah in action."

Sarah Casey Code NA

The Skelmersdale Outreach Program helps those in the local area who are struggling to take care of themselves. It runs regular food banks as well as providing a wide range of other support and care services.

The production has been organised by The Phoenix Theatre Group in Skelmersdale, a new drama group which puts on regular productions for the local community.

Tickets for Aladdin cost £2 each for all ages. To book tickets for Aladdin call Peter or Lynne Bone on 01695 716220 or email l.bone@churcharmy.org.uk.

Andy White headlines Comedy night

ANDY White, a Brummie comedian, who gave up working in a call centre to become a stand up comic, will be at the Arts Centre at Edge Hill University tonight (Wednesday, November 27) at 8pm.

Andy (pictured) does silly voices and pulls funny faces during his comic show.

His act also includes observational and topical humour, which has been described as clever, cheeky, sick, or sometimes just plain silly. He shifts from deadpan to slapstick, and audiences should expect an act that covers anything and everything, from his mixed race background to Star Wars.

Support comes from Mickey Sharma, a Birmingham–based stand–up, via India, Pakistan, China and Hong Kong, who aims to bring cosmopolitan observations and boundless energy to the stage. He also has a Bollywood take on nursery rhymes.

Steve Bugeja comes to Ormskirk off the back of a stint honing his craft at the 2013 Edinburgh Festival, and a support slot with Russell Kane. His witty one–liners and observations, from food festivals to the idiosyncrasies of the Scottish language, make him one to watch. Holding the Stand–up Comedy night together is compere Rob Coleman.

Nostalgia show coming to town

CAN you remember when the spirit of Christmas was more important than receiving presents? When you really did dream of a White Christmas, or if you were really lucky you would find a six pence or a three penny bit in your Christmas pudding?

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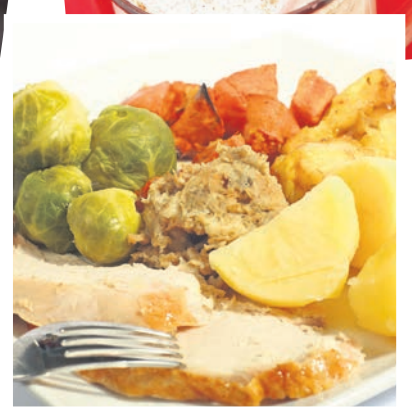

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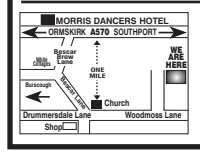

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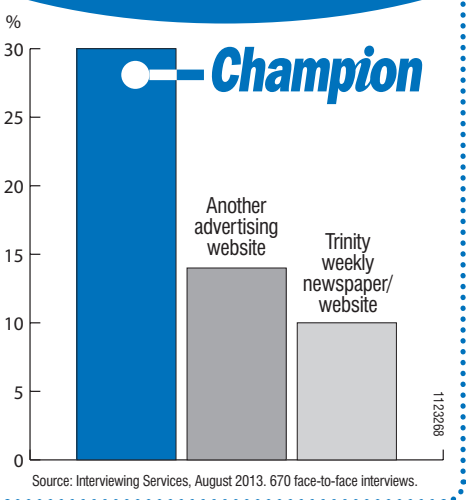

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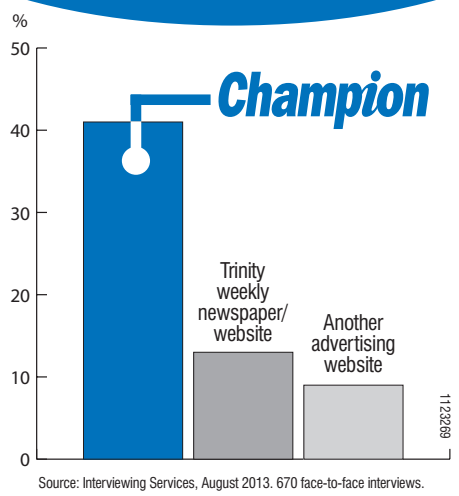

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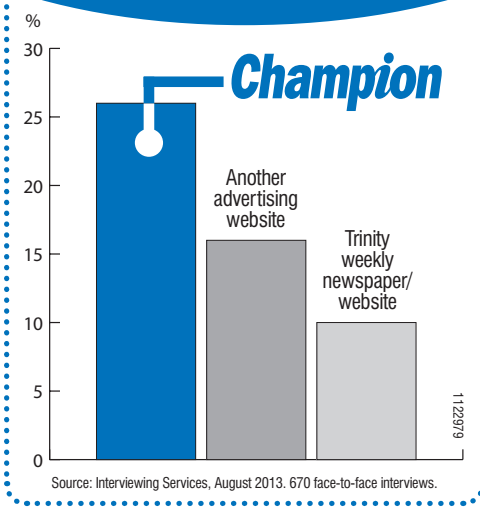

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Application No: 2012/1262/COU Change of use of existing 'Torch-On' process manufacturing line building to distribution warehouse building at IKO Plc, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
Application No: 2013/1170/FUL Erection of a new warehouse facility with new vehicle unloading areas, access road widening, new fire tank and associated landscaping at SCA Hygiene, Pimbo Road, West Pimbo, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2013/1195/FUL Erection of student accommodation (Phase 8) comprising 245 no. bedspaces arranged in 3 no. blocks with associated landscaping, public realm and amenity spaces at Edge Hill University , St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2013/1230/COU Change of use of light industrial unit to butchery, food retail area and cafe at Unit 2, Holland Business Park, Spa Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING
Application No: 2013/1152/COU Addition of A3 use to existing retail unit with A1 & A2 use at 22 Church Street, Ormskirk.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 27th November 2013
PDNOT700

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DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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In the past I have asked for many favours.
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(mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

N.T.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **M.C.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 42659

DEATHS

CAREY
James (Irish Tony)
21st November 2013
aged 71 years.

Loving and caring dad of David and Laura, devoted grandad of Dylan, greatly missed by so many friends and family. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 29th November at 2pm. No flowers please but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.
1124726

DEATHS

HARRIS
Mary
20th November 2013

Peacefully in hospital, of Skelmersdale.

The dearly loved wife of the late TOMMY, loving mum of TOMMY and JOHN, dear mother in law of CHRISTINE and BEATA and devoted nan to all her grand and great grandchildren. Funeral service at St Richard's RC Church Skelmersdale on Friday 29th November 2013 at 10.15am followed by cremation at Southport Crematorium. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Marlborough House, Witham Road, Skelmersdale. Tel: 01695 722122/720012
1124680

DEATHS

WALSH
Sean
Tuesday 19th November 2013
aged 68 years.

Beloved husband of Judith, adored dad of Philip and daughter in law Lisa. Loving grandad to his three beautiful granddaughters Becky, Natasha and Emily. We will never forget you. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 2nd December at 10:40am. Family flowers only please if wished, donations may be sent for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.
1124725

IN MEMORIAM

PYE
Gladys
14th November 2013

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
A part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.
If tears could build a stairway
and heartaches make a lane,
We'd walk our way to heaven,
and bring you home again.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
no one can ever fill.

Gone but never forgotten.

Love you Mum
Derek, John, Linda, Jane, Trina & Mike

All our love Nan
From all your grandchildren

Sleep tight Nan
From all your great grandchildren
42627

DEATHS

SHARPE
George

Passed away suddenly in Southport Hospital on 25th November 2013

Aged 65 years

He was much loved
and a true friend
Missed by me
and his dog Cinders
I will miss him
both as a brother
and a true friend,
his companionship,
and our arguments.
I will be forever thankful
for the years
we spent together
1124810

DEATHS

TAYLOR
Jim
Suddenly on 16th November 2013 at his home in Skelmersdale aged 83 years

A loving uncle and great uncle.
The funeral service will take place on Monday 2nd December at Southport Crematorium at 2.00pm. Any donation in his memory for Eccumerical Lunch Club and all enquiries to Edwards Funeral Directors, Holmwood, Dicconson Terrace, Wigan WN1 2AA Tel: 01942 821215
1124752

DEATHS

WOOD
James (Jimmy)

Peacefully after a short illness, bravely fought on Wednesday 13th November 2013 aged 25 years.

Dearly loved son of Michael and the late Janice, much loved brother of Nicola and Thomas, Step-son of Sharon. James will be greatly missed by so many friends and family. Funeral Service at St Philip and St Paul With Wesley Church, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport on Wednesday 27th November at 10:30am followed by a private family committal. No flowers please but if desired donations may be sent for Clatterbridge Oncology Unit. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.
1124549

HOLLINGSWORTH
Margaret
29th November 2012

Thinking of you
is easy Nan,
I do it every day.
And missing you
is a heartache
that never goes away.
Gone but never forgotten.
Love Mark, Katie,
Celine, Kofi
and Sonny
x x x
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PRAYER

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **I.M.**

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DEATHS

MARSHALL
Bob
Saturday 16th November 2013

Aged 78 years

Devoted, loving husband of Joyce, much loved dad of Debbie and the late Kevin, father in law of Chris, grandad of Callum, Nathan and the late Jack, Bob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 28th November at 12.40pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale PR8 3HW. Telephone 01704 577786.
1124551

DEATHS

SMITH
Theo
November 22nd 2013

Peacefully in hospital aged 96 years.

Ex - H.M.S. Rodney and well known local joiner. Dearly loved husband of the late Alice. Much loved father of John, Billy, Dave & Phil and father in law of Marg, Gita, Carole & Elizabeth.
Dear grandad to all his grandchildren & great grandchildren.
Funeral service at Thornton Crematorium on Friday November 29th at 10.00am. Donations if desired may be sent for R.N.L.I. c/o McCallum & Tritton & sons. 46 Merseyview, Brighton-le-sands, L22 6QB. Tel: 0151 931 2002
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ALAN FLETCHER
11/6/1953 - 27/11/2012

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Love always
Joan, Steven, David, Lesley & families

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Alan FLETCHER
11/6/1953 - 27/11/2012

Your smile has gone forever and your hands we cannot touch.
We have so many memories of a dad we loved so much.

Love always
Kelly and John
XX

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JONES
Doreen
27th November

A year has passed and a day hasn't gone by where we haven't thought of you Mum. We held your hand and kissed you goodbye a year ago today. You are sadly missed more than anyone will ever know.

We love you with all our hearts, your loving son Dave, daughters Ann & Lynn, sons-in-law Paddy & Chris and grandchildren Kelly, Jennifer, James, Nicola, Megan, Ellie, Dan & Ben
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JONES
Doreen
27th November

A year has passed since you were taken from me,
I think of you every single day.
I will always believe that you should enjoy the little things in life, for one day you will look back and realise they were the big things.

Love and miss you,
your loving husband
Roy x x x
ILYMTYLM x x x

Sadly missed by sister Jackie and brother-in-law Rob

42610

NANNIE PYE
(Gladys Pye)

When Heaven calls an angel, it doesn't know the pain
Heaven didn't realise our life would never be the same
Your back in the arms of Grandie and David the ones you loved so dear
We wish this was a dream and you would still be here

You are a mum, a nan but most your our best friend
Our hearts are empty, broken and will definitely never mend
That day we'll never forget, closing your eyes and gone
But I promise you Nan, your memories will always live on

We all sit and wonder and ask ourselves...WHY?
Wiping away our tears as we continuously cry
Nan you are a diamond and your simply the best
We say our final farewells as we lay you to rest.

All our love forever you'll always be in our hearts,

Joanne, Andy, Harry & William.
Karen, Andy, George, Sophie & James.
David & Leeanne.
xxx

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

McCLELLAND
Raymond Peter Shearin

26/11/62 - 29/01/2004

Another year,
no card to send,
Broken hearts
that will never mend,
We talk about you everyday,
The funny things you do and say.

R.I.P.
Our Raymond

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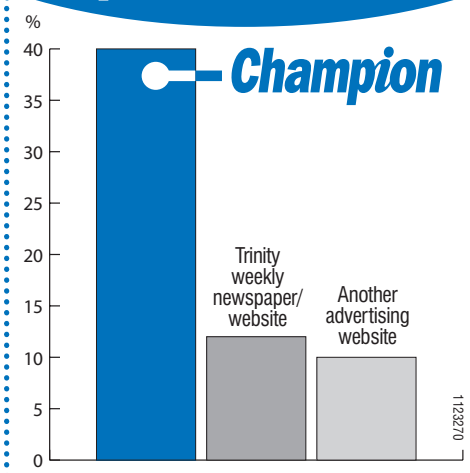

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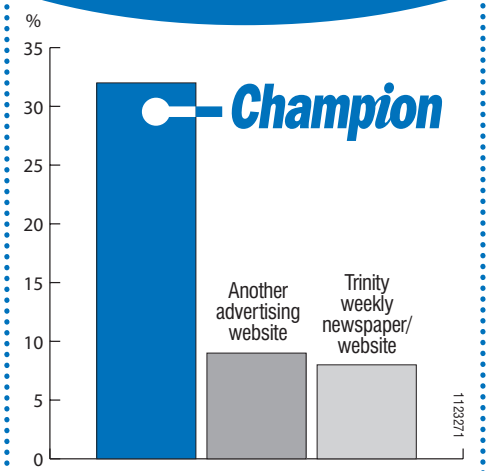

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If you drive a Ford with a Zetec badge on the back, it means your car's humble engine got flown halfway around the world so the Japanese firm's boffins could fiddle with it and make it far more rev–happy than it really ought to have been. Well, at least it was until Ford's marketing boys got in the act and decided 'Zetec' was a trim level, rather than a badge of honour to say your hatchback's humble engine had been tuned by superbike experts.

The second name, Gordon Murray, will either mean absolutely nothing or get your inner car nut immediately excited. He's a South African car lover who moved to Britain in his early twenties, and having blessed the F1 world with his expertise then turned his technical know–how to making a string of supercars. Put simply, he is the brains behind the McLaren F1 and the Mercedes–Benz SLR.

What connects the dots? Well, you might remember reading about Gordon Murray's efforts to almost single–handedly reinvent the way small cars are made. The end result, the T27, was so small you could fit three of them into a parking space, but it wasn't a production car in the conventional sense.

It was a more a sort of open invitation to the car world, and Yamaha's the first company to take him up on it.

The end result, the MOTIV.e, might have a terrible name but it looks fantastic, with lithe lines that make it stand out a mile from the blobby superminis which dominate the showrooms today. While there's no word on it being a production model just yet, the prospect of being able to drive to work every morning in a car designed by an F1 genius and finished off by a group of superbike experts does have a certain appeal to it.

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07 FOCUS 1.8 TDCI SPORT, met black, PAS, alloys, service history £2,995
07 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI ZETEC CLIMATE, Electric blue, PAS, alloys £2,795
56 ASTRA 1300 CDTI, Black, 6 speed, s/history £2,795
56 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI LX, silver, PAS, alloys, A/C £2,495
54 FORD C-MAX 2.0 TDCI ZETEC, Black, PAS, alloys, A/C £2,495
05 FORD C-MAX 1.6 TDCI LX, met black, PAS, alloys £1,995
52 CLIO 1.5 DCI DYNAMIQUE 3-DR, blue, PAS, alloys s/roof £995

CAR OF THE WEEK
06 ASTRA 1.7 CDTI ELITE, BLACK, PAS, full black leather, FSH £2,995

PEOPLE CARRIER/ESTATES SELECTION
56 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI GHIA ESTATE, silver, PAS, alloys, service history .. £2,995
06 RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DCI MAXI 1.9 DIESEL, silver, 46k £2,495

FORD SELECTION
57 FORD FUSION 1.6 ZETEC CLIMATE, only 61k, silver £2,495
07 FORD C-MAX 1.6 ZETEC, silver, 2 owners, PAS, alloys £2,495
07 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE, blue, PAS, alloys, A/C £1,995
06 FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC CLIMATE, black, 1 owner, alloys, A/C £1,995
05 FIESTA 1.2 FINESSE 3-DR, silver, PAS, alloys, CD Player £1,495
04 FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC 3-DR, silver, alloys, A/C £1,495

CORSA SELECTION
04 CORSA 1.0 ACTIVE 3-DR, silver, cheap tax/insurance £1,495
03 CORSA 1.2 ACTIVE 5-DR, silver, PAS, CD £1,495

RENAULT SELECTION
06 MEGANE 1.6 VVT EXPRESSION 5-DR, black 63k £1,995
54 CLIO 1.2 EXPRESSION 5-DR, black, PAS, A/C £1,495
04 CLIO 1.2 EXPRESSION 3-DR, black, alloys, s/roof, service history .. £1,495
03 CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE 5-DR, PAS, alloys, s/roof £1,495

PART EX BARGAIN SELECTION
03 RENAULT CLIO 1.2 DYNAMIQUE, silver, PAS, alloys £995
51 PEUGEOT 206 1.1 STYLE 5-DR, silver, PAS, c/locking £995
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58 KIA PICANTO 1.1 AUTO, PETROL, 10k 1 owner, FSH, in black	SOLD	
03 MERCEDES-BENZ CLK 2.3 CONVERTIBLE, AMG alloys	£3495	
52 VOLVO S80 AUTO, excellent condition, in blue, FSH	SOLD	
60 VW POLO 1.2 PETROL, in black, excellent condition, 12 mths MOT	£7995	£41
09 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI, 1 previous owner, FSH, 48,000 miles	£5295	£28
08 FIAT 500 1.2, 28,000 miles, 6 mths tax, black, amazing looking car	£5995	£31
59 NISSAN NOTE 1.6, 22k, Top Spec in Gold	£6995	£38
09 FIAT PUNTO 1.4, 41k, FSH, blue	£4595	£26
58 CHEVROLET MATIZ 1.0, 78k, blue, cheap tax/insurance	£2595	£14
57 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.3 CDTi DIESEL, 36,000 miles, FSH, in sky blue	£5495	£29
57 FORD FOCUS 1.4 PETROL, 57k, FSH, 1 owner, silver, excellent cond	£4495	£23
57 FIAT PUNTO 1.2, 46k, FSH, in grey	£3495	£18
56 FIAT PUNTO 1.4, PETROL, 40,000 miles, sky blue	£3995	£25
07 PEUGEOT 1007 1.0 PETROL, 43k, perfect for disabled drivers	£2995	£19
55 VW GOLF 1.4, 38k, 1 owner, FSH, full chapman s/history	£4895	£28
05 DAIHATSU SIRION 1.3 PETROL 5-DR, 51,000 miles, FSH, sky blue	£2995	£24
05 VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.9 DIESEL, 71,011 miles, silver, good taxi car	£2495	£24
05 DAIHATSU SIRION 1.0 PETROL 5-DR, 74,720 miles, FSH, sky blue	£2695	£22
54 FIESTA FIREFLY 1.2, 44k, 1 owner, FSH, ideal first car	£2995	£35
04 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 PETROL 5-DR, 79k, FSH, silver, looks great	£1495	£18
53 TOYOTA COROLLA 1.4 5-DR PETROL, 54000 miles, 1 owner, FSH	£3395	£39
53 NISSAN ALMERA 1.5, 45k, in Maroon, very well maintained	£2495	
03 FORD FUSION 1.3, 123k, 1 prev owner, black, very well maintained	£1795	
03 KIA RIO 1.3 ESTATE, 47k	£1695	
52 FORD MONDEO 1.8, 90k, 1 owner, blue	£1395	
W FORD FIESTA 1.3, 37k, blue, ideal first car	£1395	

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52 NISSAN PRIMERA 1.8 PETROL, 1 previous owner, green, 154,000 miles, very well looked after £450
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2009 (59) CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDI MULTISPACE XTR 5dr, Diesel, silver, great MPG, full VOSA MOT history, FSH, 2 keys, remote locking, PAS, front e/windows, Radio/CD, A/C, roof rails **£6,790**

2010 (59) PEUGEOT PARTNER 1.6 HDI TEPEE OUTDOOR 5-dr, Diesel, in grey. FSH, 6 Speed, remote locking, cruise, roof rails, alloys, CD/MP3 ..... **£6,490**

2007 (57) FORD MONDEO 1.8 TDCI TITANIUM X (124BHP) Diesel, in grey, service history, full VOSA MOT history, 6 speed gearbox, remote locking, ABS, Radio/CD, alloys. Great MPG. Big big Spec!! **£5,690**

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2004 (54) MITSUBISHI SHOGUN SPORT 2.5 EQUIPPE TD 5-DR DIESEL, silver, 59,000 miles, service history, remote locking, e/windows, A/C, alloys **£4,190**

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2001 (51) MERCEDES BENZ A190 1.9 AVANTGARDE SWB 5-DR, blue, half leather, full VOSA MOT history, r/locking, PAS, radio/CD, alloys, e/s/roof, e/windows **£1,790**

2001 (51) FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC 5-Dr, blue, great on fuel, A/C **£1,390**

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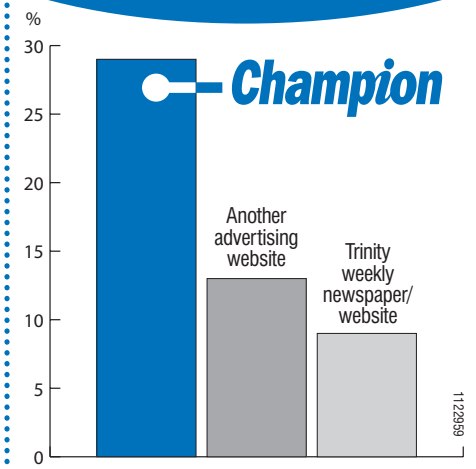

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52 TOYOTA YARIS finished in caribbean blue, full MOT, 3 months Parbold parts & labour warranty, low insurance **£1495**
53 NISSAN ALMERA TINO, blue met, full MOT, only group 5 insurance, service history & only one owner from new, remote locking, CD player **£1195**
10 HONDA CIVIC 1.8 SPORT, finished in mineral blue metallic, only 2 owners from new, only 28,000 miles, full 12 months MOT, 2 keys, FSH **£8895**
56 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 VISIA, in techno grey metallic, Nissan service history, 46,000 miles, full MoT, only group 5 insurance, CD player, A/C **£3895**
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56 RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE 3-DR HATCH, in black, Renault alloys, A/C, low mileage - only 45,000 ..... **£3695**
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03 HONDA CR-V 4WD, finished in panther black, FSH, full MOT, half leather trim, Honda alloys, low mileage - only 65,000 from new, A/C, CD, f/fitted electric tilt & slide s/roof, family car **£3695**
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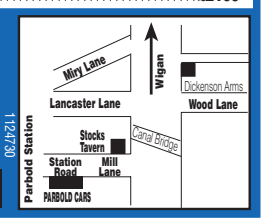

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10 REG ASTRA SRI CDTI ECOFLEX BLACK 30971 MILES **£8999**
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08/08 VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 LIFE 5DR BLACK, 46129 MILES	£3999	£19.24
08/08 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SXI 5DR BLUE, 58013 MILES	£3999	£19.24
07/57 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 DESIGN 5DR BLUE, 33000 MILES	£4499	£21.65
07/57 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 CLUB A/C 5DR SILVER, 50550 MILES	£4499	£21.65
08/08 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 BREEZE 5DR SILVER, 42530 MILES	£4499	£21.65
09/09 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.3 LIFE TWINPORT 5DR BLUE, 22087 MILES	£4499	£21.65
09/59 FIAT GRANDE 1.3 PUNTO GP 8V 3DR BLACK, 33217 MILES	£4999	£24.05
09/59 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 EXPRESSION VVT 100 5DR BLUE, 53000 MILES	£4999	£24.05
09/59 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6I 16V VVT ACTIVE 5DR SILVER, 30714 MILES	£5499	£26.45
05/55 BMW 116I 1.6 SPORT 5DR BLUE, 72580 MILES	£5699	£27.42

	Per Week	Cash Price
10/60 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 12V ENERGY ECOFLEX 5DR BLUE, 15359 MILES	£5999	£28.86
10/60 KIA RIO 1.4 DOMINO 3DR WHITE, 20887 MILES	£5999	£28.86
10/10 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6 EXCLUSIV 5DR SILVER, 46556 MILES	£5999	£28.86
09/09 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SXI 5DR BLUE, 24047 MILES	£5999	£28.86
11/11 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 ENERGY 5DR SILVER, 13465 MILES	£6499	£31.26
10/60 HYUNDAI I30 1.4 COMFORT 5DR BLACK, 29000 MILES	£6499	£31.26
11/11 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.3 I 16V VVT TURBO 5DR WATERWORLD, 40316 MILES	£6699	£32.23
10/60 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.3 SPORT 3DR BLACK, 28000 MILES	£6999	£33.67
11/61 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 I VVT EXCITE 5DR SILVER, 9210 MILES	£6999	£33.67
10/60 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 I ENERGY A/C 5DR SILVER, 13216 MILES	£6999	£33.67
12/12 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 I SE A/C AU 5DR BLACK, 27081 MILES	£6999	£33.67
11/11 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 I VVT EXCITE A/C 5DR RED, 18899 MILES	£7299	£35.11
12/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 16V ACTIVE 3DR RED, 6612 MILES	£7699	£37.04

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12/12 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE AUTO 5DR BLACK, 28328 MILES	£7699	£37.04
12/12 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE A/C 5DR WHITE, 18813 MILES	£7799	£37.52
12/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SE A/C 5DR SILVER, 18156 MILES	£7799	£37.52
12/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 I 16V ACTIVE A/C 3DR RED, 6000 MILES	£7999	£38.48
13/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 I 16V ACTIVE A/C 3DR GREEN, 8096 MILES	£7999	£38.48
10/60 CITROEN C4 1.5 PICASSO VTR+ HDI 5DR BLUE, 38000 MILES	£7999	£38.48
10/60 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI 130 EXCLUSIV 5DR SILVER, 45663 MILES	£7999	£38.48
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13/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SE 5DR BLACK, 15543 MILES	£7999	£38.48
13/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI A/C 5DR GREY, 14662 MILES	£7999	£38.48
12/62 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 12V ACTIVE 3DR RED, 6043 MILES	£7999	£38.48
10/60 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI 130 EXCLUSIV 5DR SILVER, 39642 MILES	£8299	£39.93
13/62 VAUXHALL AGILA 1.2 I 16V VVT S AU 5DR BLUE, 3776 MILES	£8499	£37.62

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10/59 CITROEN DS3 1.6 DSTYLE 5DR GREY, 22306 MILES	£8499	£37.62
11/11 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SE CDTI ECOFLEX 5DR RED, 18704 MILES	£8995	£43.29
10/10 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI 130 SE 5DR BLACK, 39218 MILES	£8999	£43.29
10/10 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.7 CDTI 125PS ELITE ECOFLEX 5DR BLACK, 16506 MILES	£8999	£43.29
11/61 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 I VVT EXCITE 5DR RED, 9912 MILES	£8999	£43.29
11/61 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 I VVT 100PS EXCITE 5DR WHITE, 13354 MILES	£8999	£43.29
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11/11 SEAT IBIZA 1.6 CR SPORT TDI 3DR WHITE, 23000 MILES	£8999	£43.29
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12/62 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.8 I SRI 5DR SILVER, 28735 MILES	£10499	£50.51
08/08 AUDI A4 1.9 S LINE TDI 140 AUTO 4DR GREY, 44331 MILES	£10699	£51.47
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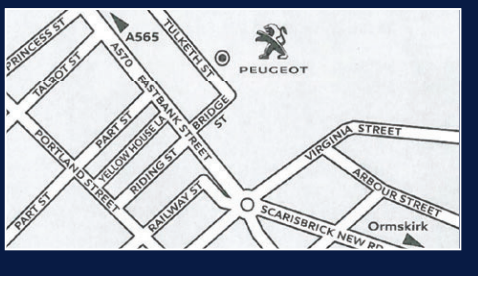

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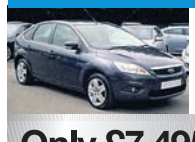
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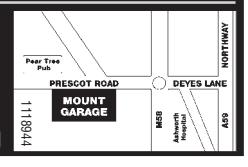

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The home side enjoyed the lion's share of possession and territorial advantage and claimed eight tries through Mark Webster (2), Neil Habberfield (2), Ben McCarthy, Alex Lambie, Val Gateley and Jonny Gorst, with Lambie adding three conversions.

'Kirk were good value for their bonus point victory but know they will have to up their game if they are going to get a victory this week when they travel to third–placed Bowdon.

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Another long trip in store

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson and his top–of–the–table team embark on another long trip on Saturday when they clock up the 290 miles to Stamford and back.

They will go down the A1 to Lincolnshire as a confident group after last week's comprehensive 3–0 victory at home to fellow promotion–chasers King's Lynn Town and further buoyed by having struck 19 goals in their last four games.

Lawson has boosted his squad too, adding more firepower to their armoury by signing another striker and one he expects to get among the goals straightaway.

Jack Laird is a 21–year–old who started the season with Northern League Celtic Nation confirming the reputation he built last season with Conference North Stalybridge Celtic where he scored 19 goals.

He started his career with Oldham Athletic then had a brief period with Tranmere Rovers.

Laird only played for 20 minutes or so last Saturday but gave a little taster of what is to come with the way he set Adam Morning up for Skelmersdale's third goal.

Saturday will be the first time that Skelmersdale have played Stamford. 'The Daniels', as they are known, were promoted to the Evo–Stik Premier Division last season (from Division One South) but have found it less easy to adapt than Skem have and sit 21st in the table with 21 points from 20 games.

But United need to be aware that Stamford won 3–1 at Marine on Saturday and may be staging something of a recovery.

They have a home record that reads played 10, won three, drawn three and lost four.

Skem have a midweek game next week when they go to more familiar territory in the form of Radcliffe Borough's Stainton Park for a Doodson Sports Cup tie that will be decided on the night, as after 90 minutes the game automatically goes to penalties without extra–time being played.

The following Saturday, December 7, Rushall Olympic visit the West Lancashire College Stadium for the first time as Skelmersdale's season of discovery continues.

Meanwhile, in the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup First Round Skem have been drawn to play Ashton Town away on Tuesday, December 17.

Ashton are managed by former Skem stalwart John Brownrigg, who will no doubt be determined to put one over on his old friends.

Strong finish keeps Skem on top

Skelmersdale United 3
King's Lynn Town 0

IT'S well–known locally that United manager Tommy Lawson has his team fit and on Saturday they reaped the benefits.

After a close game that nobody could have predicted the outcome of with an hour gone, Skem dominated the last half–hour to finish up comfortable winners.

King's Lynn arrived in Lancashire looking to win and they put United on the back foot in the early stages.

However, despite conceding possession, the home men defended well, United goalkeeper Ryan McMahon helping out with a couple of good saves from Massiah McDonald and a 25–yard scorcher by midfielder, George Thomson.

Gradually though Skem asserted. Ashley Dunn put a shot over the crossbar, then, after a clumsy challenge on Shaun Tuck, Kenny Strickland put a free–kick just wide of the far post.

It was from a counter–attack that the visitors got their best chance of the game in the 35th minute, McDonald heading wide from an Andy Hall cross.

Skem went back on the attack before the break and King's goalkeeper Alex Street made a good save under his crossbar from an Alan Burton shot.

The opening minutes of the second–half saw a chance each, McDonald heading onto the roof of the home net, and at the clubhouse end Street saved low from a Dean Astbury shot.

Skem got a scare in the 57th minute when King's left–back Jordan Yong crossed for striker Robert Duffy whose header hit the crossbar and the loose ball was soon grasped by McMahon.

After this United upped their game. Yong got a yellow for a late tackle and from the free–kick Strickland sent Street sprawling to his left, the ball was then fired against the King's crossbar and Matty Hughes ran in to gobble up the rebound with a thumping shot into the net from about 10 yards.

There was only one team in it from that point onwards.

In the 69th minute the ball went down the right and Hughes' cross was only partially cleared, Dunn ran on to the loose ball around the 18–yard line and blasted the ball into the King's net, at the same time deservedly earning himself the Rosbotham's Timber & Building Supplies man of the match award.

When in the 82nd minute Tuck harassed Fryatt into giving him the ball it set off a move that made it 3–0. Tuck played it to Jack Laird and he slipped it cleverly into the inside–left channel from where Adam Morning cut across the backline and hammered the killer blow inside Street's right–hand post.

King's generated a brief skirmish at the end that saw Greg Mills fire across the face of Skelmersdale goal, but the game was decided by then.

High Five for depleted Richmond

Burscough Richmond 5
Millom 0

RICHMOND returned to league action to face Millom looking to make amends for the two points dropped from the opening day of the season and in perfect conditions for football they got the result they wanted.

Again the squad was severely depleted, for one reason or another, with just 12 players available including a sub carrying an injury, but the players called up from the reserves performed well.

Richmond started strongly and dominated the opening exchanges. A goal was inevitable and it came after 15 minutes when a well–delivered free kick from McNabb caused problems for the Millom defence and the ball fell to Paul Jones who smashed it home from six yards.

And despite a missed opporunity by McNabb it didn't take long for the second to arrive when, after a series of well–delivered corners, one was expertly finished by veteran Ryan Bowen, flicking the ball with his right foot in to the far top corner to make it 2–0 at the interval.

Fantastic

Millom started well after the break, dominating possession in the first 20 minutes as the home side struggled to clear their lines.

However, they struggled to create clear–cut chances, the best falling to their centre–half who had a free header from a corner but Mckinty was in the right place to clear off the line.

Meanwhile, nother half–chance from a set–piece was well defended by Chris Jones who was forced to head over his own bar from five yards out.

In the final quarter though Richmond kicked back in to life to score three fantastic goals.

The first, although definitely against the run of play, effectively killed the game when good play down the right ended with a fantastic cross by Paul Jones finished by Lee Berrie on the half–volley.

Next up a great move between Tommason and McNabb, breaking from the halfway line, saw the players exchanging passes which ended with the young striker firing across the goal for McNabb to slide in and finish.

But they saved ther best till last when Tommason controlled the ball on the edge of the box, flicked the ball over a defender and hit a great volley with his left which flew over the keeper.

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